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AT KENTUCKY'S CAPITAL.

INAUGURATION OF GOVERNOR J. B. M'CREARY

THE BIGGEST DEMONSTRATION EVER

Capital City Lodge Presents Gold Medal—Swell Reception Given in Honor of Miss Grayson—Wm. Barnett Shot by Mistake.

By Hardin Tolbert.

425 Washington Street, Old Phone 654.

Frankfort (Ky.) Special.

The constant downpour of rain did not serve as an excuse for the united Democrats of the State showing their loyalty at a gathering of the old and reliable pioneers, which met here for the common good of the people. Special trains from all parts of the State came in carrying both Democrats and Republicans. This was the first inauguration that Republican colored men and the most prominent leaders of the party participated in. These men served on the reception committee, with their regular headquarters at the K. of P. Hall, on the first floor. Every place of prominence was decorated in a beautiful manner, regardless of politics. The great slogan of the people was, "A clean man," and the cry seemed to reach the ears of every person who desired a change in government. At the entrance of the headquarters was written "The Great Common People.". Many of the trains that had arrived in the city were compelled to back into Shelbyville, Midway and Lexington. The parade was three miles long, and included within the ranks twenty bands of music. The parade started out on Owenton pike and came by the Governor's mansion, then turned down Main street and up Second street, in South Frankfort. It then turned up Capital avenue and reached the new State Capitol at 12 o'clock, where a free dinner was served. Here the Governor took the oath of office; and many speeches were made.

There has never been recorded in Kentucky a place in which there were so many "big I am" Negro politicians in the Republican party, as there was in Frankfort at the inauguration of a Democrat Governor. Professors, lawyers, doctors and business men from all over the State were present. President Taft brought a crowd to this city, but it was nothing to compare to the gathering that Governor McCreary brought.

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Mr. J. B. Williams, a prominent business man of West Walnut street, Louisville, Ky., arrived in the city the other day, wearing a large diamond which sparkled in the light, and was escorted in a hack from the depot. Our prominent business men, showing Mr. Williams the spirit of hospitality, invited him to their homes. Mr. Williams said, just as he was preparing to leave, that he had received so many invitations to the homes of our best citizens that de did not know how to accept all of them, and said that he would select those closest to the depot, as a means of settling the matter. He gave an urgent invitation to our citizens to visit his home when in Louisville.

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A swell reception was given in honor of Miss Lydia M. Grayson, a popular young lady of Georgetown, at the beautiful residence of Mrs. James Brown, on High street. This was a reception strictly for the aristocrats. The guests all came in automobiles and hacks, and the women were dressed fittingly for the occasion. The house was beautifully decorated with flowers; and the cut glass and diamonds worn by the guests added splendor to the scene. An excellent menu was served.

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Mrs. Sharp Steele, one of the prominent citizens of Versailles, was in the city on inauguration day. Mrs. Steele is the sister of Mr. George W. Martin, a progressive business man, and who is proprietor of the Frankfort Pressing Club. Mrs. Steele owns considerable property in Versailles and Lexington.

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Prof. J. B. Russell, of Mt. Sterling, was the guest of the city one day this week.

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Mr. D. Bufert, of Lexington, spent a day in the city this week.

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Miss Katie Allen, of Chicago, is in the city, the guest of her mother, Mrs. Ben. Spencer.

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The death of William Barnett, who was shot and killed by Mr. Obie Wilson by mistake, was a shocking affair. Mr. Barnett was a former student of the Kentucky Institute and was highly respected by all who knew him. Mr. Wilson was jealous and had much trouble with his wife on this account; and he supposed he had shot her when he killed Barnett.

The following resolutions have been adopted concerning Mr. Barnett:

"Whereas, our dearest friend, Mr. William Barnett, has been called to the home of our Heavenly Father, whose name will shine as a bright star in the resurrection. His last words were: 'I am going home to my mother,' and 'Mother I am with you.' Had he lingered for weeks before his death, he could not have died any happier.

"Whereas, Mr. Barnett had just reached the age of maturity, and had lived a good religious life, which would reflect credit upon any young man; and just as he had reached out to get the happiest companion that God ever gave man, he was ruthlessly taken fro mthis life.

"Whereas, we, the undersigned, pay a tribute to the deceased, as one of the most worthy young men among us; and we hereby speak the sentiment of all of his white and colored friends, and even to those who have read of him. We only hope as friends to be accorded the great privilege of sleeping in the arms of the Almighty Father's arms as he does. We will always remember him as an example and be ready to meet death at any moment; for we know not the day nor the hour when we shall be called to the great beyond. But let us be ready as was our friend, William Barnett."

The above resolutions were signed by a committee composed of Griffin Taylor, Robert Jewett and Miss Lena Carter.

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At the First Baptist Church, December 8, Mr. Thomas L. Brooks, one of the most energetic and highly respected citizens of this city, was presented a gold medal. A large and enthusiastic crowd gathered to show their respect to a citizen who had been so valuable to the community. Mr. Brooks is one of the cornerstones of the Odd Fellows; and it was under the auspecies of this order that he received the medal. He has the honor of holding the office of secretary, treasurer and head of the insurance, also grand master. Capital City Lodge rendered an excellent program as follows: Mr. T. K. Robb, chairman. Prayer, Rev. T. A. Thompson; solo, Miss Annie Brooks; address by Rev. W. T. Silvey, on "Mr. Brooks as a Christian Worker." Mr. Ben. Madison's subject was "Mr. Brooks as a Business Man." Instrumental solo, Miss Marietta Madison. Mr. P. W. Williams spoke on "Mr. Brooks as a Lodge Builder." Dr. E. E. Underwood on "Mr. Brooks as a Citizen." Solo. Rev. E. J. Jackson presented the gold medal.

Prof. William H. Mayo, principal of the Clinton Street High School, made an eloquent address, which was responded to by Mr. Thomas L. Brooks. Benediction by Rev. E. J. Jackson.

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A large number of citizens assembled at the A. M. E. Church in a mass meeting to devise ways and means to assist the Normal Institute, which is going down in a financial sense. Prof. E. E. Reed, dean of the Normal Institute acted as chairman. Mr. D. Robertson, secretary, offered a prayer. Rev. T. A. Thompson sang a song, "Let us Gather Around the Throne." The correspondence committee is composed of Dr. E. E. Underwood, Rev. W. T. Silvey, Hardin Tolbert, T. L. Brooks, T. K. Robb and Prof. William Mayo. The legislative committee is composed of Rev. T. A. Thompson, Rev. E. J. Jackson, Rev. W. T. Silvey, L. D. Smith, B. T. Harvey, Richard Harris, John Glass, W. W. Wilson, P. W. Williams, T. L. Brooks, G. W. Martin, James Ray, Ben. Madison, D. O. Robertson, C. D. Dockery, J. C. Lay, S. Guy, G. Stone, R. L. Diggs, G. Craig, T. Twyman, J. Young, S. Conda, M. Boyd, W. H. Hawkins, Prof. P. L. Jones, S. F. Collins, H. C Russell, J. Diggs, B. Lark, S. Smith, R. D. Roman, Emmerts, y.; G. W. Adams, T. Timberlake, W. H. Mayo, Lee L. Brown, J. L. Lawson, W. Lyons, G. Saffel; Drs. E. E. Underwood, J. A. McFatridge, W. H. Goodwin, C. W. Anderson and W. Jackson.

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Mrs. Mary Carter died this week after a few days of illness. She was the beloved daughter of Mrs. Annie Grant, who departed this life ready for the home she had long prayed for. Mrs. Carter leaves behind her to meet in the other world a sweet, little one-year-old daughter; a loving husband and a host of friends. It may well be said of her in the words of the poet:

"There is no death; we fall asleep,
To waken where they never weep.
We close our eyes on pain and sin;
Our breath ebbs out, but life flows in."

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Mrs. Florence Young, one of the best-known caterers in the State, had the honor of serving Governor McCreary and party at Mayor Polygroves' residence.

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Mrs. Cornelia Johnson, one of the excellent citizens of the city, is suffering from a severe attack of lagrippe. Mrs. Johnson is fortunate in having so many good friends, who are assisting her during her illness. She resides on Longlane avenue.

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Mr. John H. Hays, of Maysville, Ky., artificial stone and pavement contractor, was a guest of friends in the city a few days this week.

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Mrs. Addie Smith is improving after a few days of illness.

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Mr. Louis Grasson, a prominent citizen, died at the age of 60 years.

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Mr. Robert Riley has been very ill, but is able to be up again.

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Augustus Harris, Jr., is very ill with stomach trouble.

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Mr. John Ellis, after a few weeks' illness, is able to be up.

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The citizens of this city will give Prof. W. H. Mayo a New Year anniversary on January 5. Prof. Mayo has been principal of the Clinton Street High School for thirty years. The grand affair will take place at the school building. Many workers are arranging for the occasion.

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Mrs. Frances Harris is improving after a hard spell of lagrippe.

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Mrs. Ogie Harris is improving after a severe illness.

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Messrs. Stewart Henry, Lincey Woolridge spent a day in Lexington, y.

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Miss Lillian Elles received a diamond engagement ring from Mr. Harvey Tolbert, of Indianapolis.

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Mr. Joe Wakefield spent a day in Louisville.

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Mr. Thomas Washington left for New York to attend to some very important business.

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The Neighborhood Club will give a festival at Mrs. Maggie Wells' Saturday night, December 16, for the benefit of the First Baptist Church.

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Mr. Howard Simmons, a prominent citizen of this city, is very ill at his residence in Gault avenue.

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Miss Pearl Warren and Messrs. M. E. Warren and W. Kelley spent a day with Mrs. Jacob Warren.

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Mrs. Susan Lyons, who has been very sick for a few weeks, is able to be up.

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Miss Julia Dent is improving after several days' illness with lagrippe.

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Prof. W. H. Mayo, delivered an address before the student body of the Normal institute Sunday afternoon, which was very didactic and right to the point.

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Mr. Ezia Utterback, of Lawrenceburg, is in the city, the guest of Miss Geneva Childs.

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Mr. J. J. Lee, after a pleasant visit in the city, yeft for North Carolina.

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Mr. J. Slaughter, of Lexington, passed through the city, en route to Louisville.

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Miss Asberry, of Cynthiana, is in the city, the guest of Mrs. B. Robertson.

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Miss Julia S. Young, a stenographer at the Normal Institute, spent a few days in Louisville at her home, where she was formerly editor of the "entucky Standard."

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Miss Marie Henry entertained at tea, Miss Sadie Parrent and Messrs George Childes and J. B. Harris.

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The Economic Club met at Miss Virgia Madison's. Mrs. M. B. Jackson, president; Mrs. A. M. Coleman, secretary.

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The Woman's Improvement Club meet at the residence of Mrs. Sallie Graves. Mrs. Sarah Underwood, president; Mrs. Alice Taylor, secretary.

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Miss Belle Black, of Bagdad, was in the city, the guest of Mrs. Fannie Mitchell.

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Freeman and Collins' Minstrel made a swell hit in the city at the Odd Fellows' hall.

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Miss Julia Browder has returned from Louisville, the guest of many friends.

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Miss Lenna Williams, of Eminince, Ky., was the guest of friends in this city.

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Mrs. French Thompson, of Paris, Ky., was in the city last week, the guest of Mrs. D. O. Robertson, for a few days.

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Mr. and Mrs. John Canada have united to their family a fine son, who arrived last week.

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Mrs. Mattie Shacklett, of Louisville, was the guest of Miss Lula Smith last week.

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Mr. J. L. Robert, of Louisville, was called to the city on account of the death of Mr. William Green, of Old Crow.

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Mr. Henry Bush, a licensed chauffeur, left for Louisville to bring an auto back.

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Master Thomas Gatewood spent a few weeks in Louisville, the guest of his aunt.

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Misses Bland and Willie Thomas left for Chicago with their brother, Mr. Samuel Thomas, who has been very ill with the rheumatism.

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Miss Burrett Lee has resigned as instructor in music at the Normal Institute on account of ill health. Miss Lee is a resident of Marion, Ind.

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Miss Mary Webster, a popular young lady, spent a few days in Louisville visiting friends.

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Miss Malinda Williams, one of Midway's popular young ladies, will spend a few days in the city during the holidays.

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Messrs. J. H. Herson and Cato Fisher are in the city attending the inauguration.

SHERMAN HOUSTON DUDLEY

In "Dr. Beans from Boston," Park Theater, Indianapolis, Week of Dec. 18.

HENDERSON, KY.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Madame Sallie Jones Downs, the pianist, was in the city last week for the purpose of arranging a recital on December 21st at the A. M. E. Zion church....The Flower Girls' Club will entertain Friday, December 15th at the residence of Mrs. A. H. Cabell, 118 Alvasia street....Prof. J. B. Caulder, principal of the Constitution street school of Lexington, and grand keeper of records and seal of the . of P.'s. spent a few hours in the city yesterday.. ..Many farmers gathered in the city Saturday to attend the meeting of the Farmers' Association......Mrs. S. A. Caldwell and K. C. Blackshear have returned from Mound City, Ill., where they had a very pleasant visit with Mrs. N. C. Ware.... Rev. J. M. Mundy is in Lexington, conducting a revival for Rev. E. L. Baskerville....Miss Marie Mundy has been appointed librarian of the Henderson Colored library....Miss S. E. Brown supplied at the Alves street school last week.... Miss Hattie Evans and sister, Miss Eddie Evans, left for Atlanta, Ga., lat week. Miss Evans was librarian of the Coored branch library. It is reported that she will teach while her sister, Miss Eddie Evans, will enter school in that city.... Mrs. Fanny Townsend, of Evanston, Ill., was the guest of Mrs. Harry Cooksey, 627 Sixth street, last week......Miss Louise Washington, who has been ill, is able to be out again..Miss Emma Nunn has taken her place among her schoolmates once more, after an illness of several weeks.. ..Miss Mayme V. Kennedy is still on the sick list....Mr. Stanley Y. Jones, who is ill of typhoid fever, at his home in the country, is improving slowly.

EVANSVILLE (IND.) NEWS NOTES.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Rev. Dr. W. H. Giles addressed the Y. M. C. A. last Sunday afternoon....Rev. N. T. Lane, pastor of the Twelfth Avenue Bautist church, was called to Mt. Vernon, Ind., to preach the funeral of Morgan Driver....Mr. John Driver attended the funeral of his uncle in Mt. Vernon, Monday....Mr. E. W. Wilks, the popular barber of Walnut street, is agent for the greatest of all colored papers, The Freeman....Mr. Julius Coleman has been appointed fireman at the court house.... The "Spot" theater, under the management of Mr. Shelby McFarland, opened last Saturday. The show house is an innovation for Evansville, and will prove quite a center of amusement for the colored people of the city....Mrs. Henry count of the death of her brother, who was drowned in the Ohio river at that place.. ..Rev. John Dowen, of Alsace, was in the city last week....Rev. C. H. Jackson, of Mt. Vernon, Ind., preached at the A. M. E. church last Sunday

BATTLE CREEK, MICH.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mr and Mrs. W. A. Robbins, of Glennwood, are still rejoicing over their little nine-pound baby girl, Mildred Leonia. Mother and child are doing fine....Mr. Harry Hackett, who is spending a few days in the city, will leave for Ft. Wayne, Ind....Mr. Jadie Fischer, who is very ill at Mr. Charlie Russell's, is not expected to live....Miss Mabel Tucker is suffering with a sprained ankle..Miss Stella Brown has left for Detroit to visit her aunt, Mrs. Grimes....Mr. Clifford Summerville and Mr. Bud Case, of Jackson, were the guests of Miss Mildred Valentine Sunday...... Miss Laura Harris, of alamazoo, Mich., was the guest of Miss Mabel Tucker, Sunday.

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Rev. Saunders spent the past week in Detroit....Mrs. Lizzie Moleson, of Commerce street, is confined to her home with an attack of pneumonia....Stanley Barnett, Jr., of the Stanford Hotel, has the whooping cough....Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Moleson, of South East street, a daughter...At the Messiah Baptist church, December 17, will be held an interesting debate on woman suffrage.....Mrs. Robert Goggins is spending a few weeks in New York with Mrs. Mattie Robinson, en route to Washington, D. C., to visit her daughter, Mrs. Marguerite Murray......James Minisee is on the sick list....The annual Christmas tree and program for Arnett Chapel Sunday school will be held in the lecture room, either December 21 or 22. Notice later.

PAST WEEK AT LOUISVILLE

BANNEKER READING CLUB RENDERS PROGRAM

COLORED LETTER CARRIERS ORGANIZE

Louisville Medical School Forging to the Front—Dr. Amiger to Address Y. M. C. A. Next Sunday—Social Events.

By Lee L. Brown.

(1006 West Chestnut Street.)

LOUISVILE, Ky., Special.

The Banneker Reading Circle met last Monday evening at the Public Library and rendered the following program: Mr. Matthew Arnold, leader. Miss S. B. Alexander, "Current Events." "Matthew Arnold, His Life and Times." Mrs. E. Thomas, "Study, Sorhab and Rustum." Selected readings from Arnold, Mrs. M. A. Meyeek. The program for the next meeting will be held December 25. "Study Arnold Culture and Anarchy." "Matthew Arnold as an English Critic."

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The Colored Letter Carriers of Louisville met last Sunday in the auditorium of the Public Library and formed a social and literary organization. The following officers were elected: Mr. J. H. Butcher, president; Mr. Wm. Warley, secretary.

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The Louisville National Medical School, under the management of Dr. Frank, is daily pushing to the front. All of the departments have been reorganized and the doctor seems to be using every energy to make it one of the best schools of its kind in the country. His assistants are working like Trojans to place this school upon a high standard. The textbooks selected are by the best authors. The enrollment this year is quite encouraging.

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Dr. W. T. Amiger, president of State University, will be the speaker at the Y. M. C. A. building next Sunday at 4 p. m. The State University Quartet will sing. A good attendance is expected. The collection of the third installment of the building fund continues successfully. The board of directors has agreed to begin the improvements when one-half of the money pledged by the colored people has been collected. Plans for the improvements have already been drawn, and Louisville is soon to have a well equipped Y. M. C. A. building.

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Mrs. Wright, of 1004 West Chestnut street, is very ill.

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Rev. J. Francis Willson, of Harodsburg, Ky., was in the city Sunday.

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The local Lambda Chapter of the Alpha Phi Alpha met Monday, December 11, with Dr. Brock.

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Mrs. Minnie Ford has returned to the city after a very pleasant visit to French Lick Springs, Ind.

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Mrs. Jeanette Jackson, of Shelbyville, Ky., is the guest of Mrs. Nannie Bloomer in West Walnut street.

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Mr. C. D. Brown, who has been confined to his room for six weeks, is much improved at this writing.

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Miss Julia S. Young, secretary of the Kentucky Normal Institute at Frankfort, was in the city last Saturday.

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Miss Mattie Estil, of East Breckinridge street, has returned to the city after a very pleasant visit o he Windy Ciy.

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Mrs. Lillian Henderson, of Indianapolis, was called to the city last week on account of the death of her step-father.

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The Louisville Defender did not make its appearance this week. The Kentucky Reporter made its first issue Saturday.

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A large crowd of persons are expected to attend the dedication of Eckstein Norton Hall at Lincoln Institute, on December 16.

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The Clay-Lewis Hotel Company will hold a special meeting Sunday at one of the local churches in the interest of their enterprise.

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The daughter of Mrs. Emma Long died last week at the family residence on West street, near Chestnut. She had been ill for a long time.

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Miss M. W. Fletcher, a charming young woman of Nashville, Tenn., spent several days in our city as the guest of Mrs. L. Watson Cooper.

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Mrs. Eliza Nelson's daughter died December 8, and was buried from the Green Street Church. Rev. Richard Reynolds, of Jeffersontown, conducted the services.

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Mrs. aKtie Tindull, who recently opened the cigar and news stand at Tenth and Chestnut streets, has received quite a number of orders for arm bands and pillow covers.

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A number of young men are preparing to give a full dress affair at the U. B. F. Hall during the Christmas week. It is said that this will be the swellest affair given during the holidays.

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Wedding invitations, announcing the marriage of Miss Mary Alexander, of St. Louis, to Mr. Walter Bradley, of this city, Tuesday, December 19, at the residence of Mrs. Carrie W. Hall, 1315 West Chestnut street, have been issued.

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Last week two colored men, Messrs. Charles Adams and Wm. D. Allen, were highly rewarded for their bravery by receiving a neat sum of money. A fire occurred on Main street. They rushed in and saved four mules, and by their very prompt action in sending in an alarm, saved the stable from total destruction.

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The Louisville Oratorio Society will have a rehearsal Saturday night, December 16. A beautiful light has been placed in the practice room at the Y. M. C. A. The society will give a concert of grand opera selections in the near future.

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It is rumored that the Ruby Theater, recently destroyed by fire, will be reopened in the near future, under a new management, with many improvements, making it one of the best equipped houses south of the Mason and Dixon line.

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Mr. D. D. Jones, national secretary of the Y. M. C. A., was the chief speaker at the Y. M. C. A. meeting last Sunday. He is quite an eloquent speaker. While in the city he was the guest of his sister, Mrs. J. A. Emerson, of Tenth and Wtlnut streets.

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The thirteenth anniversary rally for the Knox Presbyterian Church, Twelfth and Madison streets, on the occasion of the thirteenth anniversary of the ministerial services of Rev. C. B. Allen, will be held December 31. Quite an interesting program has been arranged for the occasion.

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It seems that all of the clubs and fraternal organizations are preparing to have some kind of entertainment for the enjoyment of those who will honor Louisville with a visit during the Christmas holidays. The Loyalty Club will give a charity ball for the benefit of the many poor and destitue families in the city.

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We understand that some of the managers connected with the Lyre Theater have charged us with writing an article that appeared in this paper two weeks ago concerning the above theater. We wish to state that we are only responsible for such articles that appear each week under our name. We never send any unsigned articles to the press.

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Rev. P. H. Kennedy, general missionary of the Kentucky Baptist, was called home suddenly this week to the bedside of his daughter, Miss Mamie Kennedy, at Henderson. She has been ill for quite a long time. Miss Kennedy graduated a number of years ago from the Red Cross Nurse School. She had taken courses previous to this in Chicago, at Provident Hospital.

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An elaborate choral service by the full vester choir Sunday morning, December 24, will introduce to the public the new pipe organ at the church of our Merciful Saviour. During the evening a sacred musical program will be given by prominent musicians, including select numbers on the new organ by the organist, Mrs. S. Hughes, and violin renditions by Prof. W. Peyton. Christmas morning a choral high mass will be rendered, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. All are invited.

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The regular Monthly Book Review will be held in the auditorium of the Public Library, Friday, December 22. A brief review of each of the following books will be given: Holland, "Life of Frederick Douglass," Rev. G. W. Nichols. Calhoun, "Miss Minerva and William Green Hill," Miss Lottie Houser. Townsend, "Kentuckians in History and Literature," Mr. Thomas F. Blue. Rogers, "Why the American Marriages Fail," Mrs. R. D. Harris. A story, Miss Ida Clark.

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The Central Colored Night School closed for the fall term last Friday evening, and there were special exercises held in the chapel. Quite a crowd of friends gathered to listen to the well prepared program rendered by the pupils. Mr. James Brown and his assistants are to be congratulated for the very excellent atendance of the school during the past few months. It has been said that the attendance has been larger this term than ever before. The night schools throughout the city held special exercises.

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Quite a large crowd of interested citizens will attend the laying of the cornerstone of Eckstein Norton Hall at Simpsonville, Ky. Hon. Eskstein Norton, of New York City, who has been the chief donor of the Eckstein Norton Institute, located at Can Springs, of which Rev. C. H. Parrish is president, will be the chief speaker. The Alumni Association og Eckstein Norton Institute will be represented by Lee L. Brown. Addresses will be made by President Thompson and Dr. C. H. Parrish. The exercises will take place at 2:00 p. m.

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Midst the downpour of rain a large crowd of Kentucky colonels and boosters left Louisville last Tuesday morning to attend the inauguration of Governor McCreary. There was a special train to convey the 700 representatives to Frankfort. Tehy were accompanied by a brass band and mounted policemen. It was remarkable to see the large number of colored hangers-on (about ten in number) who were sprinkled in the large crowd. Fro mthe parcels they carried they have already received their rewards for the very excellent showing they made in the recent campaign. It was said that the largest crowd that ever gathered in Frankfort to witness an inauguration was assembled there on this occasion.

COLUMBUS (KY.) DOTS.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Our public school is on the upward grade. The boys and girls are much interested in the industrial work...Miss Naomi Webster, one of the most promising girls in the community, died last Sunday at 7 p. m., and was buried Tuesday Her funeral was largely attended....Mr. Warren Brown, who had been sick for a long time, died Wednesday and was buried Friday, at 3:45 p. m. His funeral was preached by Pastor G. W. Alcorn and Dr. Bohamon, who also preached the funeral of Miss Naoma Webster....Mr. William Wilson's home was destroyed by fire, and one person was burned to death ....Sunday was quarterly meeting day at the A. M. E. church. Dr. Burke, the presiding elder, preached two great sermons to the delight of all who heard him.... The A. C. E. T. rendered an interesting program Sunday at 6:30 p. m. Beatrice Jones led the discussion, followed by many of the members....Rev. G. W. Alcorn will open discussion next Sunday.

Subscribe for The Freeman.

AT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

A LOVING CUP FOR BISHOP ALEXANDER WALTERS

TUSKEGEE TO RECEIVE $10,000.00

The Colored Y. M. C. A. in a Vigorous Campaign to Raise its Remaining $6,500—The Centenary of Wendell Phillips.

Thompson's National News Bureau.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Special

On the evening of December 14, at Galbraith A. M. E. Zion Church, a citizens' committee of one hundred, in the name of the people of the District of Columbia and the Washington Conference of the Zion Church, over which the eminent prelate presides, Bishop Alexander Walters is to be the guest of honor at a grand reception, at which time he is to be formally presented with a beautiful and massive silver loving cup, as a testimonial of the esteem in which he is held by the people of this community and as a token of appreciation of his splendid services for the race in general. The reception is to be absolutely non-partisan and undenominational. The committee will embrace all classes of citizens, and the masses are urged to attend. An invitation has been extended to Dr. Booker T. Washington and other members of the Jeanes Fund Board, which will be in session on the 14th at the White House. The arrangements are in the hands of Rev. S. L. Corrothers, pastor of Galbraith Church. Able speakers will deliver addresses.

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Word comes that the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute, of which Dr. Booker T. Washington is principal, has just received a legacy of $10,000 from the estate of the late Maria Blanchard, of Philadelphia. It is to the credit of people of means of both races that they have no hesitancy in giving to causes that have proven their usefulness in the work of human uplift. Tuskegee Institute stands in a class alone. It is indeed "the world's university."

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The colored men's branch of the Y. M. C. A. has inaugurated a vigorous campaign to raise the $6,500 needed to complete the $15,000 required to entitle it to the $25,000 promised conditionally by Mr. Julius Rosenwald, the Chicago merchant-philanthropist. When this is raised the association will have the $100,000 building entirely paid for, and the structure will be rushed to completion. It is understood that President Taft will deliver the dedicatory address at the proper time.

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The centenary of the birth of Wendell Phillips was appropriately observed last Wednesday evening at the Metropolitan A. M. E. church. The historical oration was delivered by Justice Wendell Phillips Stafford, of the Supreme Court of the District, and Prof. Kelly Miller presided. Dr. W. P. Thirkield, president of Howard University, and Rev. Matthew Anderson, of Philadelphia, assisted in the devotional exercises. The Howard University choir, directed by Miss Lulu Vere Childers, rendered musical selections.

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Warring Washingtonians show signs of "getting together." Good!

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Assistant Attorney-General W. H. Lewis spoke on Thanksgiving morning at St. Mary's P. E. church.

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Mr. Clarence Cameron White, the talented violinist, ran over from Baltimore during the Aida Overton Walker season here.

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President Taft is to give a dinner next Monday evening at the White House, in honor of the Republican National Committee.

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Andrew Carnegie is reported to have said that, "President Taft is 'dead sure' to be re-elected." Can't we believe it when "Uncle Andy" says it's so?

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The engagement of Aida Overton Walker at the Howard Theater last week was a notable event in society circles. The noted diva was given an ovation at every performance.

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The memorial to the late Justice Harlan, at the Metropolitan A. M. E. Church will be an event worthy of the great cause for which the eminent jurist devoted the best years of his life.

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The Clarke Training School, of which Mrs. Addie R. Clarke is principal, is enjoying a season of unprecedented prosperity. The classes in millinery, domestic science and domestic art are doing splendid work.

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Miss Henrietta Vinton Davis gave a well-attended recital in Baltimore, Thanksgiving night, at the Centennial M. E. Church. She will reach St. George's for her Bermuda engagement before Christmas day.

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Your correspondent acknowledges with pleasure an invitation from Dr. Booker T. Washington to attend the annual Tuskegee Negro Farmers' Conference and the Workers' Conference, to be held January 17 and 18.

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Great preparations are being made for the coming of Dr. James E. Shepard, president of the National Religious Training School, Durham, N. C., who addresses the Bethel Literary and Historical Association January 23.

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Dr. W. P. Thirkield lectured at the 19th Street Baptist church on Thanksgiving evening under the auspices of the National Training School, of which Miss Nannie H. Burroughs is president. The girl students of the school sang some tuneful folk-songs.

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The Sphinx Club, a new high-grade organization, is making rapid progress. It has acquired an elegant club home at 201 T street, and will soon have a membership recruited up to the limit with solid, substantial men. The limit has been placed at sixty.

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Mme. Anita Patti Brown, the race's breatest coloratura soprano, stopped over in the city last evening with Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Thompson, en route to New York, from which point she will sail today for Jamaica, beginning a long tour of the West India Islands.

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The political "soothsayers" have figured out that the States in which the Indian vote might influence the presidential election cast 104 electoral votes. Are we to have the "Indian problem" along with the Negro problem in politics? If so, will the noble red man be white or colored?

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Mr. James W. Johnson, of New York, United States Consul at Corinto, Nicaragua, came over from the "big city" Monday to attend the Lewis banquet, going back on Tuesday. He was the guest of Mrs. Robinson, 1925 Eleventh street. Mr. Johnson will return here before proceeding to his diplomatic post. He is a young man of splendid abilities.

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The Improved Benevolent Order of Elks of the World, of this city, embracing Columbia Lodge No. 85 and Morning Star Lodge No. 40, held their annual "Lodge of Sorrow" Sunday evening at the new Howard Theater. Mr. Harry H. Pace, national grand exalted ruler, and Col. Henry Lincoln Johnson, recorder of deeds, delivered addresses.

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An indictment for second degree murder has been returned against James E. Thomas, a tailor. Thomas is charged with shooting Robert H. Chesley, his business partner, October 6 last, inflicting wounds from which Chesley died November 4. It is said that the shooting was accidental and that Thomas is now a mental wreck from brooding over the unfortunate event.

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The cast of "The Messiah," to be rendered December 20 and 21, at Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel, Howard University, includes Mrs. Martha Broadus Anderson, of Chicago, the gifted soprano; Roland W. Hayes, of Boston, tenor; Miss Lulu Vere Childers, Howell, Mich., contralto; C. C. Clarke, New York City, baritone. The great Handel chorus will be directed by Miss Childers, with Miss Maude E. Young, of Raleigh, N. C., as pianist.

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A social event that attracted national notice was the marriage of Miss Irene L. Moorman and Mr. James Blackston in Brooklyn, N. Y., Wednesday, November 29, at high noon. A number of Washingtonians received invitations sent out by Mrs. Johanna Enders Moorman, mother of the bride. Miss Moorman is well known in the society and business circles of Greater New York, and has a host of friends in all sections of the country. Mr. Blackston is a business man of enterprise and has achieved success in all he has undertaken.

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Mr. J. Finley Wilson, until recently associate editor of the Journal and Guide, Norfolk, Va., has located here to become general manager of the manufactures of the Hair Vim Chemical Company, of which Dr. Julia P. H. Coleman is the official head. The business of the company has so increased that the plant is to be materially enlarged and additional assistance is to be secured in every department. Dr. Coleman is a woman of rare business capacity, and Mr. Wilson will prove to be a fortunate acquisition, both to the company and to the commercial life of the capital city.

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Col. J. W. Lyons has returned to his home in Augusta, Ga., after spending a fortnight here on legal business. Col. Lyons will be with us again soon to push the passage of the bill providing for the payment of the remaining 38 per cent. due the depositors of the late Freedmen's Bank. He is confident that the measure will be adopted at the present session of Congress, as its merits have already been acknowledged by the two preceding congresses and has been repeatedly recommended in the messages of the President of the United States. Col. Lyons will attend the meeting of the Republican National Committee, of which he was once a member, and expresses the belief that this body will not reduce the representation of the Southern States in the national convention and that the state primary proposition will be rejected.

IN AND ABOUT PENSACOLA, FLA.

(By Walker W. Thomas.)

The Thomas News Bureau, Phone 821.
18 South Tarragonna Street.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Thanksgiving Day was appropriately observed throughout the city last week, business being practically suspended during the entire day, and it was a noticeable fact that more business houses, offices and other buildings were closed than has been noted on any occasion in a long time. Religious services were held all over the city at different hours and were well attended, while an unusually large number of people went hunting. Not a single accident was reported....The members of the Douglass Literary Club gave a reception at the Pensacola High School building last Friday night. It was one of the grandest affairs that has ever been given at the school building this season, and far exceeded the previous ones. Everyone reported a very delightful time and wish the members the greatest success....The Egbert recital, which was given at Allen chapel A. M. E. church last week was a great success. Everyone was well pleased with the affair and will be glad to hear the great singer again soon. Mrs. Hamilton, the mother of Messrs. Joseph H. James and Wesley Hamilton, died last week. Mr. James, a business man of Jacksonville, Fla., was in the city to attend the funeral service....Miss Viola McTyre returned last week from Bonify, Fla., where she went to attend the B. Y. P. U., which convened in that city last week and was a great success. Mr. L. Jones was in the city last week after several years' absence. His many friends were glad to see him again. The members of the literary club rendered a very excellent program at the school building last Friday evening....Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Thomas entertained at a Thanksgiving dinner at their beautiful home in Morro Castle in honor of Miss Lizzie Rollins, of Boston, Mass., who is in the city as the guest of Miss Gladys Johnson....The Midway Cafe, which was recently purchased by Mr. Ed Rhone, has been reported as doing a fine business. To the delight of many theater-goers, the Al-Dora Theater will be opened as soon as some actors can be booked. Work is now being rushed to complete the new $20,000 Belmont Theater, which will be ready in a few months....Miss Gladys Johnson returned last week from Boston, Mass., where she has been visiting for the past few months. She was accompanied by her cousin, Miss Lizzie Rollins, of that city, who will be her guest for some time....Miss Annice Wynn entertained a few of her friends at her home last Thursday. Only the members of the so-called younger set were present, and an enjoyable evening was spent by all....Mr. Joseph Morris will soon reopen the Al-Dorada Theater, on the West Side. We all hope it will be as earl yas possible....The G. O. P. Social Club delightfully entertained at the K. of P. Castle Hall last Wednesday night. Quite a large number of the younger set was present and an enjoyable evening was reported by all....The I. C. G. M. of the World, Knights of Tabor, was in the city last week for the purpose of setting up a new temple....Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McDuffy left last week for Norfolk, Va., where they will reside in the future....Following its usual custom, The Freeman Publishing Company will issue an extra large paper on December 23. This number will contain possibly 75 pages, and will be brim full of interesting Christmas features. If you have any news for this number please report it early....Mrs. Mary E. Thomas, of Morro Castle, has been on the sick list for the past week. Her many friends will be glad to see her out again....The Crisis for this month is one of the best issues yet. If you want one call up the Thomas News Bureau; only 10c a copy. It will be delivered to you at once....The Star Colored Moving Picture Theater opened last week to a very large crowd at 113 S. Tarragonna street....Dr. H. G. Williams has purchased a new buggy which a very handsome one....Don't forget to report all of your news to the Thomas News Bureau, phone 821. Walker W. Thomas, proprietor.

CHURCH AND SOCIETY NOTES OF BOWLING GREEN, KY.

(By J. F. Moxley.)

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The Thanksgiving Union services were held at the College Street M. E. church and was of great interest. Rev. A. Jackson was master of ceremonies and took great pleasure in introducing the speaker of the day in the person of the Rev. Green Price, pastor of Taylor's Chapel, A. M. E. church. He took for his theme the 136th Psalm, 20th verse, "A Few Achievements of the Race," which was beautifully illustrated, beginning with the history of the children of Israel, illustrating the three great enemies they had to conquer while in the wilderness—the savages, climate and poverty—before reaching the Promised Land, as a comparison to the condition of the Ethiopian race when freedom was declared in the year of 1865, when four millions of slaves were given the rights of free citizens, and who also met with the three great enemies to conquer equal to those of the children of Israel, namely: Ignorance, poverty and education, and many others against which they have been on the warpath since freedom was obtained, namely, peonage, mulattoes, murder, mobs, lynching, disfranchisement, illiteracy and prejudice. The Negro has been very timid in grasping the opportunities offered him, but still we can say we are thankful to give thanks on this Thanksgiving Day for the many achievements of the race. Education has seized the great enemy of ignorance and reduced it to 45 per cent. in 46 years of freedom, as is shown by the statistics of the United States. And today we come and give thanks for a few achievements that I will mention as follows: First, we are thankful for the great Booker T. Washington Tuskegee Institute, with its hundreds of acres of land and other equipment; 400 patents in the Patent Office at Washington, D. C.; 40,000 public schools; 253 high school; 112,000 teachers; 1,000 male doctors; 200 trained nurses; 4,319 stenographers; 360 Negroes in Europe taking special courses, who will return to us with the highest type of education; books in libraries worth $500,000, valued at $2 each; city property worth $120,000,000; farm property worth $400,000,000, and all paid for with the exception of $28,000; money raised by the colored people for the schools, $120,000,000.

The speaker made a great appeal to the young citizens to make their lives more useful from the closing of this Thanksgiving Day.

The audience was an appreciative one, and all who were not present missed much in the evening of Thanksgiving.

The State Street Baptist church rendered an excellent program Thanksgiving known as the Festival of the Brides, which was illustrated with a cast of nine national characters, with costumes of their nationalities. The church was filled and everybody enjoyed one of the most amusing entertainments ever witnessed. Dr. Z. K. Jones and Dr. W. S. Yarobough, of Bowling Green, spent Thanksgiving in Nashville, Tenn., and witnessed the football game between Meharry and Fisk universities. They report the game equally as good as last year....Mr. Milton Potter, of near Bowling Green, held a family reunion Thanksgiving. There were thirty members of the family present. Our congenial photographer, Mr. W. G. Edwards, was engaged to photograph the group....Mr. Charles Blakey, of 624 Second street, who has been on the sick list for three weeks, is improving....The Park City drug store has employed Miss Nellie Taylor as distributor of toilet articles....The Freeman can be found at the Park City drug store if any desire it. J. F. Moxley, agent.

COLUMBIA (MO.) NOTES.

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Thanksgiving week was also home-coming week for Columbians in Kansas City. Among the Kansas Citians in Columbia were Mrs. Barbara Cowden, Miss Iza Cowden, Mrs. Elizabeth Moseley, Messrs. Steve Harris, Jr., and Square Grant. Principal H. L. Cox, of Fred Douglass School, attended the Central Teachers' Association in Mexico Saturday, where he read a paper....The "grim reaper" has been quite busy the past week. Mrs. Jennie Green died Thursday morning at 7 o'clock and was buried Saturday afternoon, her funeral being preached at the M. E. church by Rev. B. McCain. Scarcely had this funeral begun when Mr. Frank Foster came in for Father Joseph Goslin, announcing the death of Miss Sallie Goslin, who lived only three doors from the church....Two esteemed white persons passed away Thursday. Mr. Chas. Matthews, who has been in the hardware business for years, and who was loved by all who knew him, died of blood poisoning, caused from an operation. He was thought out of danger and went to his place of business two or three times. Mrs. Sarah Anderson, who has been blind for some time, was given carbolic acid for pepsin by her son, who had been one of two brothers to administer to his mother's wants. The grief of the young man is uncontrollable....Miss Essie Logan, who had just finished a course of study in Illinois and was teaching in Ashland neighborhood, died Friday night, having gone blind and suffering great pain. Have you subscribed for The Freeman? Wm. Moseley is the agent. See him at the corner of Garth and Schwitzler. The Boonville football boys failed to arrive and play the Columbia boys Thanksgiving....Miss Bertha M. Sailes, teacher in the Douglass school, continues charming the people who attend her entertainments....Dr. O. A. More is kept quite busy these days and is making good among our people....Columbia is proud of her three physicians and could easily support an up-to-date dentist....The Thanksgiving entertainments were well attended and highly appreciated....Miss Ruby Moseley captivated the audience with her rendition of "The Land of Harmony"....When you talk of talent, Columbia is the place to find it....Call on Wm. Moseley and get a Freeman....Johnson & Williams is the new grocery firm. We appreciate the efforts of these young men and by our help they should make good....Mr. T. E. Martin, who was severely scalded on the arm while performing his duties at the postoffice, is getting along nicely....Make The Freeman a Xmas gift. See Wm. Moseley and tell him where to leave it....The Y. M. C. A. was addressed Sunday by Rev. J. E. Edwards upon the subject of "God's Measurement of Man." It certainly was a soul-stirring lecture....The Sunday-schools continue growing and show that someone is working....Mr. Talton Woods, Jr., and little Orintha Douglass are on the sick list....The ladies' quartet will sing next Sunday at the Y. M. C. A., which will be addressed by Mrs. K. M. More. Rev. Edwards, pastor of A. M. E. church, delivered an excellent address, "God's Measurement of a Man," before the Y. M. C. A. at the Baptist church Sunday afternoon....The Baptist Sunday-school is the most progressive school of central Missouri. Last Sunday was a record-breaker, the attendance being 111 and $4.78 collectionNNThe Public Library was opened December 1 with 280 volumes of standard works. This library is controlled by Sunday-school teachers and is managed by J. H. Renfro, the superintendent. This is one of the first public libraries opened by colored people for the use of their people. The manager is striving to increase the number of volumes to 500 by spring.

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The H. B. Curtis Lodge, No. 2767, G. U. O. O. F., and Household of Ruth No. 568, gave a banquet and dance Tuesday evening, November 28th, at the K. of P. armory, and the largest crowd of the season was in attendance. The music was furnished by Rawls' saxaphone trio. The dance lasted until 2 a. m. The out-of-town guests who were in attendance were Miss Bessie Tibbs, of Lima, O., Miss Ruth Jackson, Zanesville, O.; Mrs. May Jones, Newark, O.; Miss Lizzie Peterson, Barnesville, O.; Miss Fleta Murphy, Barnesville, O.; Misses Carl and Allie Carey. Mr. Will Leach, Mr. Will Carlisle, Zanesvile, Mr. Fritz Coleman, Mr. Earl Charis, Newark, and Everett Lee, Barnesville. Everybody voted a good time....Sampson and Sampson (Sewall and Eva) opened at the Grand Theater, November 28th, with four different acts in one, singing, dancing, comedians and musical comedy. It was a scream from start to finish. The singing of "Canibal Isle" and "Maybe I'll Come Back" took the house by storm. The musical bottles and pipephone also went big for such was never before heard in this city. They are booked for a return date. They send regards to Allie Gilliman and others in and out of the profession. The house is open to all first-class and refined colored acts....Mr. Joseph Booker spent Thanksgiving in Columbus, O., the guest of his daughter, Mrs. Leslie Scott....Mr. Cooper Jackson, Mr. Sam Payne and Mr. Ernest Ford spent Thanksgiving in Columbus, O.....The Twenty Century Club met at the residence of Mrs. John Payne, on North Jefferson street. Business meeting at which the hostess served a delightful luncheon. The club will have Women's Day exercises at the A. M. E. church December 10, at 3 p. m. The public is cordially invited to attend.... Calvary Baptist church, South Mulberry street, Rev. A. A. Hampton, pastor, preached at 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m. to a very attentive congregation. Dinner was served Thanksgiving Day......Wayman Chapel, Rev. John Coleman, pastor, preached both morning and evening. Sunday school at 9 a. m., Mr. A. E. Simon, superintendent. There were no meetings at the church Thanksgiving Day, and Rev. Coleman participated in the union services held at the M. P. church....Mrs. Bessie Rawls, of Columbus, was the guest of her mother, Mrs. Lon White, Thanksgiving....Miss Emma Schoder, of Columbus, is the guest of Mrs. M. Turner.

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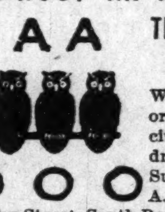

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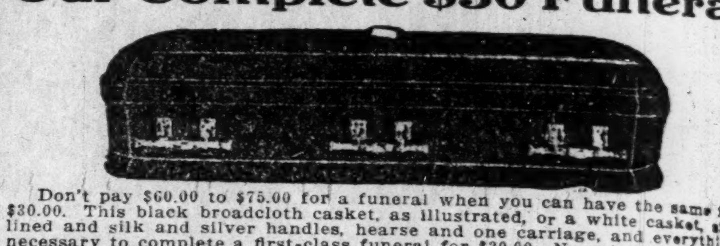

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PRESIDENT LEWEY NAMES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL NEGRO PRESS ASSOCIATION.

Special to The Freeman.

PENSACOLA, Fla., December 6.—M. M. Lewey, editor of the Florida Sentinel, as president of the National Negro Press Association, has announced the following newspaper men as members of the executive committee of that organiation:

L. D. Jones, chairman, Ft. Smith, Ark.; D. S. D. Belliny, Jacksonville, Fla.; Emmett J. Scott, Tuskegee Institute, Alabama; Robert E. Jones, New Orleans, La.; A. J. Smitherman, Muskogee, Okla.; Joseph A. Booker, Little Rock, Ark.; R. W. Thompson, Washington, D. C.; W. H. Melton, Memphis, Tenn.; A. E. Edwards, Atlantic City, N. J.; Joseph L. Jones, Cincinnati, O.; Fred R. Moore, New York City; George L. Knox, Indianapolis, Ind.; J. H. Jackson, Mound Bayou, Miss.; Cary B. Lewis, Chicago, Ill.; M. M. Lewey, ex officio.

Other nominations will be made later. It will be noted that L. D. Jones, editor of the Arkansas Appreciator, Ft. Smith, Ark., is chairman of the executive committee by election of the members thereof, and not Fred R. Moore, of the New York Age, as erroneously reported just after the Little Rock convention.

Announcement is made that President Lewey will call the midwinter conference of the committee as soon as the date and place of the meeting of the committee of the National Negro Business League is definitely fixed. For the sake of economy in time and money, it is deemed best to hold the two meetings simultaneously in the same city. At this conference a plan of action for the Press Association will be agreed upon.

BATTLE CREEK, MICH.

Special to The Freeman.

Wednesday evening, December 31, there will be a concert at the A. M. E. Church, given by the Naomi Circle. Mrs. Susie Chase, president; Mrs. Fannie Brown, vice president....The Embroidery Club was entertained at the home of Miss Eva Curtis, Saturday, November 18.....The Advance Literary Club met at the A. M. E. Church, Sunday, at 4 o'clock. Mrs. Fannie Marshall rendered a recitation and Mrs. E. Gregory read a selection. The club will meet at the church every Sunday.....Miss Florence Corsey, of Pennifield, was the guest of Miss Eva Curtis last Saturday....The Embroidery Club met at the home of Mrs. J. W. Patterson last Saturday.....The Willing Workers met at the A. M. E. Church last Thursday afternoon. Covers were laid for fifteen. They will meet at the church every Thursday afternoon....Mrs. Arthur Chandler is on the sick list....Mr. Henry Moore is very ill at his home on High street....Mr. and Mrs. Hornes, of Washington Heights, left last Wednesday for Van Wert, O....Mrs. Frankie Smith, who has been on the sick list for the past two weeks, is able to be up and about once more. ....Miss Gussie Berry is visiting friends and relatives in Kalamazoo...Miss Mildred Valentine spent Thanksgiving in Jackson and attended the ball....Messrs. Roy and Raymond Burns and Lawrence Harris entertained several of their friends at a Thanksgiving dinner, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kelly, their parents....The Embroidery Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Golden....Miss Mable Tucker spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Kalamazoo. She also attended the ball....Mr. Howard E. Clark, who has been in Syracuse, N. Y., for the last five months, working for the Reinforced Concrete Pipe Works, of Jackson, spent Thanksgiving with his father and sisters, and left Friday for Laporte, Ind., to work for the same company....Mr. and Mrs. Walker entertained at Sunday dinner Mr. and Mrs. Oliver and son, who leave for New York soon. Covers were laid for six....Mr. and Mrs. Henry Y. Clark entertained at a delightful Thanksgiving dinner, at their country home. Covers were laid for twenty-eight.

GEORGETOWN, KY.

Special to The Freeman.

Misses Sunie P. Steele and Mary E. Bentley spent the Thanksgiving holiday in Louisville, as the guests of Miss Carolyn Steward....Mrs. Nellie Webster and daughter, Miss Alice Barbour, of Anderson, Ind., are visiting relatives and friends. They will leave in a few days for Florida....Prof. Ed B. Davis spent Saturday in Danville, Ky....Miss Lottie E. Woodfort, of Lexington, was the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Tinsley, Thanksgiving day....Mr. Manlius Neal was in Lexington, Wednesday, attending the funeral of Mr. Joseph Vance....Miss Lydia M. Graycen and Mrs. Maggie Thomas Gillispie spent Thanksgiving at Frankfort and attended the State Federation of Women's Clubs. They were guests of Mrs. Ella Brown....Miss Lillian Fuller spent a few days in Versailles last week....Mrs. Lewis F. T. Steele and little son Charles, of Stamping Ground, Ky., spent last week with her mother-in-law, Mrs. Chas. Steele....Mrs. Ed B. Davis entertained a few friends at dinner, Thanksgiving, in honor of Miss Woodfort, of Lexington....The seventh and eighths grades of the city school, Miss Ella B. Arington, teacher, gave an "Indoor nutting party" at U. B. F. Hall, Thursday evening, November 30. Mrs. Ed Davis and Miss S. P. Steele won a chocolate cake. All enjoyed themselves....The city schools are giving a series of entertainments for the benefit of the playgrounds fund. Prof. E. B. Davis is principal....Mrs. John Horner entertained at dinner Sunday, in honor of Mrs. Isam Falker....Mrs. Leah Bailey entertained at dinner Sunday, Rev. Fielding, pastor of Wesley Chapel M. E. Church, and Rev. Gorahm, presiding elder....Mrs. Lucy Alexander Falkner, who has been making her home in Sacket's Harbor, N. Y., has returned to Georgetown, her former home, for the winter, as her husband sails for the Philippines. She is the guest of her mother, Mrs. Hannah Alexander.....Mrs. Jennie Jackson spent last week in Louisville with her son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Jackson....Mrs. Katie Easton, of Chicago, is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. M. F. Leland....Rev. T. L. Ballou, pastor of the First Baptist Church, is preaching in a revival service at Owensboro for Rev. Williams. Rev. A. B. Burley and Rev. S. P. Young are filling the pulpit at his church....Mrs. Joe Hill has returned from an extended visit to New York and other cities....Prof. A. B. Phillips, Christian Scientist, is in our city doing wonderful work.

BELOIT, WIS.

Special to The Freeman.

Rev. J. D. Peterson, of the A. M. E. Church, spent Thanksgiving with his sister, who lives in Lincoln, Ill....Mrs. John Burton is spending the week in Madison, Wis., visiting her daughter, Mrs. Thomas Horton, formerly of Beloit....Miss Edna Strotheres was a visitor in Rockford Sunday....The Autumn Leaf Club entertained fifty friends at a Thanksgiving dancing party, given in Fenton's Hall, Thursday evening. Out-of-town guests were present from Rockford, Janesville, Evansville and Waukesha. The club consists of the following: President, Mrs. Frank Alexander; secretary, Miss Edna Strothers; treasurer, Miss Adalene Lewis; committee on arrangements, Mrs. Bert Bond and Mrs. Fred Gales....Friends of Mrs. Harry Jupton, Jr., will be glad to hear that she is improving, after her having such a serious attack of rheumatism....Mr. L. J. Ousley, secretary of the G. U. O. of O. F., of this city, attended the grand union entertainment given by the G. U. O. of O. F. and Household of Ruth, of Chicago, in that city, Wednesday evening.

DENISON, TEX.

Mrs. J. E. Rass, of Beaumont, has accepted a position at the pressing shop....If you want to read a good paper call on H. Nelson, 416 West Bond street, and get The Freeman....Miss Minnie Pogue, of Paris, was a guest of Mrs. Emma Penny last week. ....The Thanksgiving dinner and rally given by the Hopewell Baptist Church was a success, $83 being raised....The Mount Olive Baptist Church rally was good, $20 being realized....Mrs. Pearl Castney, of Celina, visited her sister, Mrs. Carrie Nelson, last week....The services at the Mt. Zion Baptist Church were splendid. The pastor, Rev. J. W. Carter, D. D., preached two of his matchless sermons....Rev. J. S. Slaughter, pastor of the A. M. E. Church, was reassigned to the Denison charge. Rev. T. S. McMorris, D. D., of the M. E. Church, was also sent back to this place. We hope for both of the divines a splendid year's service here....Rev. W. A. Thomas, pastor of Antioch Baptist Church, went to Gaineseville, Sunday, to preach the rally sermon.....The Sunday school of Antioch Baptist Church is getting along nicely....W. M. Mason, who has been on the sick list, is able to be out again....Remember the rally at Antioch Baptist Church, Sunday, December 10.

MIDDLESBORO, KY.

The football boys gave an entertainment for the benefit of the Athletic Club of the public school last Tuesday night....Delphene Kamsver and Alexander Guess were married at her home. They are making their future home in Middlesboro....Mrs. Mollie Standford returned home last Friday from St. Louis, Mo. She has been visiting her sister for several months. ....Mrs. John Foster dropped dead last Friday. Her funeral was held Sunday at 10 o'clock, after which her body was laid to rest in the old cemetery. She leaves a husband, sister and four children....Ed Brown returned from Knoxville, Sunday.

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To Whom It May Concern:

My dear readers, you are missing half of your life in misery and shame, worrying with a man that will not try once to please you, cherish or comfort you, and hold a bright light of good moral conduct before his children, by making home happy. Now, listen; if you have sighed, worried, cried and pleaded with him, and to no avail, you pray and let Madame McNairdee advise you. I know you will never regret it. My husband was a drunkard, a run-about and around, a gambler, and the most wicked man that our Lord ever let live, until all at once, after reading so often of this woman, I took up courage and let her hear from me. o-day, I will say it is on a stair-steps of ibles, I have a model man in every respect. I will praise this woman as long as I have breath. She made my husband a man, a husband, a gentleman.

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My Dear Friends:

I am now making my own volunteer statement because this lady has caused me to be so happy. I would like so much

to give you my name, but I hope you know why. I went with a young man two years and we spat all the time. We were twice engaged and he would disappoint me, until I consulted this wonderful lady. Now we are married, and have been for near three years. He is so nice and kind to me. I told him a few months ago of this advice and he would not agree with me until he lost his job, and then made up his mind, and do you know that my husband has one of the best jobs of his life by consulting her. No matter what you want to do or know, let her hear from you, and I vow you will never regret it. I cannot help believing that she is sent of God to do just what she is doing, and you never hear of a thing ugly that she has done. I visited her during the K. of P. Supreme Lodge, and I never met a nicer lady. I am a Christian and a leader in a good many church clubs. We chatted a good deal of such things. I find her very entertaining. I am, as ever, her friend,

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To Whom It May Concern.

I have always been one of those that did not give any thought of this until about four years ago I had a great trouble and it cost me almost every dime I had, and my mother asked me one day to tell some of this trouble to this woman that we read so much about in our papers. Mother says, "I feel that she can help you." I had to laugh with tears in my eyes, for I was in jail; then finally I said, "Suit yourself; anything now, so I come clear and get out of here." She let this woman hear from her and about me. We never can forget what this woman said in reply. She said in substance, "If you will pray and trust God, I will do the rest." And bless her to-day and forever. I was called to trial, and every witness that could be found spoke in my behalf, and those who did not could not be found. I was returned to jail twice and then set free. Do you blame me for saying she is a power unknown, to help those who seek her aid? I am now doing business for myself and making good. Every month I send her twenty dollars. I have done this for four months, and shall always divide my last dime with her. I am her friend at all times.

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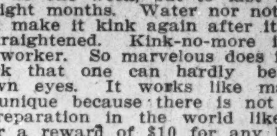
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SATURDAY, DEC. 16, 1911.

If you are looking for trouble, attend a New York peace meeting.

Give until you feel it—old version. Give until you don't feel it—new version.

Not the slightest chance, Mr. Lee? Why, how unguarded you are in your expressions. There's even a slip 'twixt the cup and the lip—a possible slip.

If it turns out that Mr. Taft is nominated and elected, Mr. Edwin M. Lee, of the State Republican committee of Indiana, will find himself in a bad row of stumps.

The merchants aren't saying a word this year—just sawing wood. If it were a dull year, one would hear from them. "Gittin' mine" is the expression on the faces.

A Negro was one of the candidates on the Socialist ticket, which was beaten in the recent election at Los Angeles, Cal. Guess that didn't have anything to do with the poor success of the ticket.

Dr. Booker T. Washington has been winning friends and golden opinions right along. His invasion of the Northeast—the New England States—was notable, as much so as that of the Southern States, when among his own people.

The board of trustees of the new hospital has expressed willingness to accept another site, provided it is suitable. If the board is not too hard to please, those interested will find a satisfactory location, and thus save Military Park.

Patrick Henry, you were right. Vigilance is the price of liberty. Look how the legislature—our own representatives—voted away Military Park ere we were aware. Notice how nice we've been asking for it back again? "Feared" of making 'em mad.

Now's the winter of our discontent, says William Shakespeare. He must have been thinking of the male heads of the family on Christmas morn. He could have added: No longer grasp we the well-rounded wallets, and sleek. Fell consumption of the Christmas ways has reduced them down to nothing—absolutely nothing. We drew the line of halt, but the advance has been heedless, and hence these extremities. Had we but saved a moiety of the wreck—had we got a bit more than slippers of doubtful value, cigars still more doubtful, suspenders—abase!

Well, the Negroes may take consolation of the fact that they are not the only kind of people held responsible as a whole for the wrong-doings of the few. The laboring unions are having a touch of the "drastic" because the McNamaras and a few more went bad. Two wrongs, however, do not make a right, even if they do prove that there are others in the same class. We take it that millions of laboring men were shocked at what was going on, just as the others were shocked. Eminently fair is the American predisposition; some of us are already there; others are not.

To give is more blessed than to receive, is the delightful little proposition that has come down to us. And in a way it is actually true, since there does follow a sense of satisfaction in making others happy. But one will think to give, give, give, without ever receiving, isn't a pleasant practice, even to John D. Rockefeller, holding to the theory that the virtue is in the giving rather than in the gift. The giving is the expression of regard. Even a tiny little gift says, "Remembered." And don't men fight, sacrifice and die just to be remembered? It's the same idea.

Governor Woodrow Wilson, of New Jersey, is considered the leading candidate for the presidency on the Democratic ticket. He, however, has in Governor Harmon, of Ohio, a rival who keeps him busy holding his own. It is said that the Democratic workers are just a bit suspicious of Mr. Wilson, thinking that in event of his election he will not "turn the rascals" out fast enough, or complete enough. Governor Wilson has the reputation of being a reformer in politics, standing for all of those wholesome things that make for the Nation's progression. He seemingly has had the nerve and skill to cut out and away from most of the political heresies that have fettered the Democratic party for years, and which arise to reproach it quadrennially. He was elected Governor of his State owing to his progressive attitude, but it appears that the distinguished gentleman is a little in advance of his company, and which is inclined to a little mutiny in the rear.

Now clear the deck for action. Chicago has been selected as the place for holding the national Republican convention; date, June 18. Everything seems to be in ship-shape style, with Indiana's Harry New as headman of arrangements preparatory to the great event. From all accounts, the Taft men had their own sweet will about matters, consequently everything went along as smoothly as could be. All of this is indicative of what the future will have to say as it concerns the candidate for President on the Republican ticket. The result, as we see it, is by no means cut and dried, yet if the indications hold good the forthcoming Republican convention will scarcely be more than a big ratification meeting, and in the interest of W. H. Taft, present incumbent, for President.

We must get in a position to demand respect, not only of those immediately about us, but of the world of civilization. The Jewish man, woman, child, almost make their conduct a religion, and owing to the treatment they have received as a race. They get vengeance through being good, defying exultingly the finger of accusation. They resent insult by being good! Such a method, one will say, suggests humility, and it does; it also means virtue, which is a strength equaling a militant force, winning bloodless victories. When Russia goes on a rampage, the cry from the distressed is as wireless messages, and that country is speedily haled before the bar of enlightened consciences and is made ashamed. But with us the faggots crack merrily; we protest, but alone. We find ourselves driven to the last resources—tried in the fires and purified, when the good in man, which is in majority, will recognize good anywhere and rush to its standards as an ally. It is our only hope. It is of consequence.

EDUCATIONAL NEEDS.

Dr. Booker T. Washington has issued a statement calling attention to the necessity of educating the children. He has in mind Negro children whom he thinks are being deprived of what is due them in parts of the Southland. The distinguished educator is in a position to learn of the needs of the people. The conferences held from time to time with individuals of various sections, his personal contact through travel and other means of information have given him the advantage. His sincerity in all matters and earnest endeavor at bringing about happier relations wins for him respectful hearing.

As noted in the article, he wishes to impress on all ministers, business men, teachers, the necessity of looking our for mean educational conditions. He insists that the best possible facilities should be had for carrying on a warfare against ignorance. He thinks a community justified, should the individuals find it necessary to contribute of their own means in bringing up the school systems to higher standards.

Dr. Washington makes the alarming statement that one-half of the colored children of the South attend no school at all. It stands to reason that the percentage of children of school age attending school must increase, or it will be the worse for the race.

PICKED UP IN PASSING.

Can you paint a sunbeam? a drop of dew? Some such expressions have been long heard, meaning that things like these are too fleeting; they refuse to stay put. There are humorous situations, also, that arise that defy reproduction by even the best of actors. These situations come about right among folk around us every day—unconsciously brought about, refusing reproduction, just as coffee refuses to be good at the second offering—the bouquet is lost.

In the window of the New York Store of this city, Indianapolis, is a kid—a beautiful little baby goat—not a live one, but an excellent specimen of the taxidermist's art. The little animal is being exhibited with a Christmas display of kid gloves.

One evening this week a white gentleman and his little son of about five years were taking in the Christmas sights. They stopped before the kid glove display of the New York Store. After looking about a bit, the boy's eyes lighted on the little goat. In a tone expressing curiosity and eagerness, he said, "Papa, what is that?" Now, the father, not thinking at once of the double meaning of kid, as commonly known, answered the boy quickly, and with a tone that was fatherly and informing, saying, "That's a kid." The boy turned around suddenly, as if some one had whirled him; he looked up in his father's face with a withering expression that would require many words to paint. It was the look of lack of faith, repudiation, distrust—incredulity. It was but a second, nevertheless, the father saw at a glance just what was what.

The boy, in surprise, said, "A kid!" in that peculiar, doubtful, questioning, exclamatory tone that children use so effectively. The father "tumbled" at once. He in a moment reflected on the boy's notion of a kid, for wasn't he, the boy, a kid? He reflected on his own serious answer when informing the boy. The very funny situation dawned on him. He began to shake with laughter, and which again was amusing, because he tried to suppress his over-bubbling merriment, since he did not care to have the little fellow puzzled as to where the joke came in.

The writer was an observer of it all, and perhaps was more amused than the gentleman, since he saw the perplexing situation the father was in. The spirit of repudiation of the father by the little fellow, and due clearly to a misunderstanding on his part, was a thing for high glee.

It was all so innocent, so simple, yet the writer went on, up the street, roaring in laughter, and which really has not subsided up until this time.

We cannot imagine there's many persons who will fail to see the rich humor, defying reproduction. Those expressions that talked out loud will not be produced—childhood can scarcely be simulated; parental condescension and sincerity, when dealing with the child can scarcely be imitated.

The plain fact is, that little boy thought he and his kind were the only kids. He had not seen a kid, nor a pig, perhaps. No one had told him he was called kid after the baby goat he saw lying so snugly in the window. His father was caught by surprise. It all came to him like a flash. Perhaps he explained it to the boy. Perhaps it was too choice a bit of humor to explain. He could laugh next day, if matters stood just as they were, just as the writer is now doing.

THE EDUCATION OF OUR CHILDREN.

To the Colored People of the South:

This is a season of the year when for several years it has been my privilege to call the attention of our people to the importance of improving the facilities for public school education. I mean the education of the masses of children in the small public schools.

As I have said before, I think a very small percentage of the children of our race can be sent to any large boarding school. The masses must be educated at home in the small public schools if they are to get any education at all.

As I have observed in studying conditions in most parts of the South, I find that the people, on the whole, deserve the greatest degree of credit for their efforts to educate their children. In many cases they pay tax themselves, aside from what they pay in the way of public taxes, in order to build public school houses and extend school terms. This is all commendable.

We want, however, to be sure that we go forward every year. If we do not go forward in providing better school facilities, we will go backward, because the number of children to be educated is increasing each year.

My special object in calling attention to this matter is to impress the ministers, business men, teachers and other leaders with the importance of having a good, comfortable, well-furnished schoolhouse in every community. You will not accomplish much in the way of education, no matter how good a teacher may be secured, without a good, comfortable schoolhouse. In many cases, especially in the Gulf States, the schoolhouses provided for the education of the Negro children are disgraceful. In some cases they are not fit for animals to stay in. It is a cruel imposition upon teachers and pupils to compel them to sit in a cold, uncomfortable schoolhouse day by day. In such cases it is impossible for the children to learn anything.

The thing that I urge upon each community is that they unite their efforts this fall and winter in providing a good, comfortable schoolhouse. If every person will contribute a small amount in the way of money or labor or some kind of farm produce, within a few months a good, comfortable schoolhouse can be built and furnished in every community in which our people live. Good schooolhouses will mean in the future good teachers and a school term lasting eight or nine months in the year. If those who read this communication have not already a good schoolhouse in their community, I earnestly beseech them to begin at once to build one.

One other thing: Often a large amount of the money put into a school building is almost thrown away because no plan has been provided for the supervision of the work of erecting it. No matter how inexpensive the schoolhouse may be, care should be taken to get an architect or some other competent person to draw plans for the building. Wherever it is possible, of course, the public school authorities should be asked to provide public school facilities—should be asked to provide a decent schoolhouse. Where it is not possible to obtain a suitable building from the authorities, the people should get together themselves and erect a schoolhouse that meets the needs of pupils anad teachers.

In many of the cities and small towns in the South, thousands of children are suffering for education because there are not enough schoolhouses in the South to properly seat and provide for the Negro children. Wherever this is true, our leaders should come together and formulate their needs, and bring them before the public school authorities. They should continue to urge their needs until schoolhouses are provided for our people. I have noted that in some of the cities nearly one-half of the colored children are kept out of school or are in school only half a day, because of lack of room. Our race, like other races, can only secure proper educational facilities in the cities by constantly urging their needs on the proper authorities. This should be done in every community and city where the public school authorities have undertaken the task of providing school buildings.

I am glad to add that in many of the communities and cities of the South creditable schoolhouses are provided in an increasing degree for the education of the Negro child. But we not only want to see that no backward step is taken, but that we go forward, both in the country and city, year by year, in providing decent, comfortable school buildings.

In connection with what I have said in this letter, we as a race must bear in mind that one-half of the colored children in the South do not attend any school at all. Unless these conditions are speedily changed, our race in this and succeeding generations will be greatly handicapped by ignorance.

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON.

Tuskegee Institute, Alabama, Dec. 11, 1911.

LANCASTER, KY.

Mr. Wm. Johnson, manager of the Lancaster colored baseball team, is going to try to get up a league. He is going to try to get Richmond, Nicholasville, Danville and Stanford interested. We hope he succeeds, for we need to wake up and be doing something along the athletic line....Master Willie Herring died of pneumonia November 28. His death was much regretted by his many friends....Mrs. Harriett Beazly died of a hemorrhage, Saturday, November 25, before any one could give her aid....Broddus Denny is up, after an attack of fever. ....Miss Susie Doty was quietly married to Mr. L. V. Payne, of Louisville, December 30. Rev. Dr. Bailey officiated.

CENTRALIA, ILL.

Special to The Freeman.

Mr. D. Barns and wife departed on Tuesday, December 12th. for their home in Birmingham, Ala....It is announced that Mr. Fred Ricks and Miss L. Johnson will marry on Christmas day..Mrs. A. Brown and two children, of Hobart, Ind., are here visiting her parents....Mr. George Simpson, who works in the railroad shop here, accidentally shot himself while examining a revolver. It was discharged some way and shot him in the upper part of his leg. He was taken to St. Mary's hospital.... Mr. H. Grigsby, of Carlyle, Ill., was here last Sunday, visiting his mother, Mrs. Grigsby....Rev. Douglass was called to Brunswick, Ga., to see his sick mother, who is very ill. He will be gone until after the holidays....The parents of the children who are at the Lincoln Institute, Mo., are invited to come there to be present at the children's entertainment....The W. I. Club will entertain on the 28th.... There was a baptiing at the A. M. E. church last Sunday evening. One of the oldest citizens was baptized....The Second Baptist Church will give an entertainment on the 28th....The K. of P.'s will give a grand entertainment on Christmas day....The A. M. E. Church closed its revivals Sunday evening......Miss Ethel Hinds has been on the sick list for a week ....Miss A. Leak is having quite a busy time of it, with photographing and music, but she is a standpatter. That's the way to be, ladies.

YOUNGSTOWN, O.

Robert Mackey, of West Federal street, is some better....Logan Lodge, No. 4, of P., added some new members this past week....Mrs. Gaines Williams is improving....Paris Hall is recovering from a recent illness....Richard Bogess visited his son David and family Saturday.... John Clark, of East Federal street, gave a party to a number of his friends Friday evening, in honor of his brother, Charles Clark's twenty-third birthday.... Clarence Shepherd died Saturday. He was a member of Logan Lodge, No. 4, K. of P. ....Gaines Williams left Sunday to look after the remains of Clarence Shepherd. ....Mrs. Margaret Degree is able to be about again....Mr. and Mrs. Clarenc Ridout, of Akron, Ohio, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Green last week.... Miss M. Logan and Miss Hall were guests of Mrs. K. Fletcher last week....Joseph Smith died Saturday morning. He was well known about the city. He resided at 227 West Wood street, and was a porter in a local cafe. He was born in Knoxville, Tenn., and came to Youngstown almost ten years ago....Louisa Edwards Court of Calenthe, No. 30, K. of P., will add some new members to their order on next Wednesday night....Mrs. aJck McFarland is the guest of her mother, Mrs. Reed, of High street....Mrs. George Rodgers, of Cleveland, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Harris Martin, No. 118 South Champion street, and a number of social functions were held in their honor last week....Robert Alexander Kerr, of 314 Foster street, died at 7 p. m. Thursday, after a brief illness of pneumonia. He had been in feeble health for a number of years, but it was not thought that he was in a critical condition until last Wednesday evening. He was 57 years of age, and is survived by a widow, Mrs. Louise Kerr, and three daughters, who all live at home. He also leaves one sister, Mrs. Charles Dixon, of Newcastle, Pa. He had been a resident of Youngstown for thirty years and was engaged in merchandizing and tailoring business in West Federal street until unable to continue active work. Mr. Kerr stood high in social and business circles and won the regards of all who knew him....Remos Duff and Miss Rhoda Holmes are on the sick list.

WEST BADEN (IND.) NEWS.

(By William Sebree.)

Mr. Garfield Granham, of Louisville, is visiting his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. M. Granham, whose little son Maxie Granham has been very sick and is still indoors....Mrs. Odis Burnett is in Louisville, visiting her friends....Everyone s planning for Christmas, and if anyone in West Baden or French Lick has any special news, please send it to William Sebree.

BLOOMINGTON, ILL.

Special to The Freeman.

Mr. Wm. H. Thomas died suddenly Saturday of heart failure, at the city hall, where he has been employed at patrol driver for the past six years. He leaves to mourn his death, his wife, Mrs. Mollie Thomas, a step-son, Mr. Fred Moody, and mother, Mrs. Maggie Thomas, one sister, Mrs. Cora Osborn, and a brother, Edward Thomas, all residing at home. Deceased was born in Bloomington, Ill., December 17th, 1874, age 37 years. Mr. Thomas was one of the very popular young men of the city and leaves a host of friends. He was a member of the police association and pallbearers will be selected from the association and honorary pallbearers from lodges in which Mr. Thomas was a member. Mr. Thomas was a member of the G. U. O. O. F. lodge No. 2829. The funeral will be held from the A. M. E. church at 2:30 p. m.

LOGANSPORT, IND.

Special to The Freeman.

The rally at the A. M. E. church last Sunday night was a grand success, netting over $85.00, which about pays off the entire indebtedness. Mrs. Jackson, the woman preacher at Peru, delivered the sermon which was the best the writer has heard since that good old chancellor, Rev. J. M. Townsend, last preached here. Her theme was "Lost and Found."......Mrs. John Artis, of Rockville, on her return home from visiting her son at Gary, stopped over for a short visit with her grand daughter and son, Mrs. Harris......Mr. Geo. W. Roberts visited old friends at Wabash Sunday....The Ladies' Banking Club will hold public services next Sunday at the A. M. E. church....Rev. White issued a call inviting all to attend the organization of a winter debating club for Thursday night......Mrs. A. J. Allen raised the largest amount of money for the trustee's rally, which was something over $25.00, with Mrs. Geo. Norting a close second, then Mrs. Davenport and Mrs. Winslow....Mr. Tobias Moxley is able to call "next" again. Mr. Moxley has been down with rheumatism....Little Miss Gray, the new arrival to Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Gray, is quite O. K., thanks....Mrs. Beard and son are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tenry Harris....A surprise party was had on Mr. Wood Winslow Friday evening. Quite a few friends dropped in and an enjoyable repast was served....Mr. Harry Brooks and wife gave an elegant party for his father and a few friends last evening. The father, Mr. Linn Brooks, though crippled somewhat, fully enjoyed the occasion, and was brim full of wit and humor, for which he is noted. Mr. Brooks is a student of rare quality, and there are few things in the sayings of Robert Ingersoll or James Whitcomb Riley that he cannot quote readily from memory....Under civil service we have Messrs. Geo. W. and John Parker and Mr. Geo. Allen....Mr. Geo. W. King is baggage keeper at the Vandalia....The boys of the new Barrett hotel and new Elks home are O. K....Our high school scholars, Cecil Carter, Jno. B. Harris, Herbert Carter, Misses Malone and Dabney, all have excellent grades..Mr. Geo. Malone has accepted a position with H. B. Turner & Son....Mr. Dehorney has gone home on a visit....Messrs. Turner, Harris, Streets, Newsom and Parker are running between this city and Chicago as train porters....A Greek letter fraternity, known as the Thealia Liqua Ela, has been organized in Logansport. Find out who the members are if you can.... Miss Louisa Brown has opened a first-class restaurant on Sixth street, No. 125. Open all day and half the night. Welcome to all.

CAPITAL STAGE TALK.

(By W. P. Bayless.)

The managers of the various theaters here are planning to give the patrons an opportunity to see some topliners in vaudeville during the holiday season. The theatrical menu for the holidays is galore with a clever host of performers. It is refreshing and pleasant to visit the theaters to see and hear these vaudeville artists in their clever stunts. The Washington people are rapidly falling in line, if the capacity attendance for Thanksgiving week signifies anything, to go to the theater to learn as well as to enjoy the avalanche of theatrical treats offered by the managers.

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The motion pictures at the Dabney theater, under the management of Mr. J. H. Hudnell, are a great drawing card. He is presenting a series of very entertaining and instructive photoplays.

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The Chippewa Duo, in an Indian love scene, preented a novelty to the people of this city. It went fine, even though, it caused one to think of the heroic suggestions exhibited in certain parts of the famous "Red Moon."

Merryweather and Brown, a western team, closed their third week at the Howard last Saturday night. They continued to increase in public favor each week.

The Griffin Sisters are oldtimers and kept the house in an uproar of applause each time they were before the footlights.

The Hiawian Quintette presented something new in the way of song and dance, as well as guitar playing. Their act was highly appreciated. A very foolish case of Puritanic prudery was displayed last Monday night, which is in itself a queer sort of indecency, when the female member of the troupe appeared in a modified form of the native dance, known as the "Hoola Hoola." A few super-(ficial) sensative patrons complained and to comply with their complaint the management requested her to modify the dance. In so doing she eliminated many of the distinctive features of it. It seems as though some people forget that the business of the theater is o teach as well as please and to entertain. People who have never been to Hawaii, and attended the Howard last week are still unable to tell what the Hawaiian dance is.

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Kelly and Kelly were the first on the bill at the Blue Mouse last week. Mrs. eKlly is quite clever and does her work neatly and earnestly. Mr. Kelly sends regards to the boys. Their work was highly appreciated. William Jones, better known as "Hambone," does a droll stunt that is brimfull of tomfoolery and sings his songs in a typical southern manner, which pleases his audience. His monologue was somewhat tardiloquent and won for him considerable applause.

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Next week the Griffin Sisters will be on the bill at the Blue Mouse.

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Albert Bowers, known as Thelma, the Great, a good female impersonator, and Mabel McCray, a dainty soubrette, were on the bill at the Foraker last week.

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The Six Gum Drops played at the Auditorium theater, Philadelphia, last week. Their act went big.

The Fairyland theater has resumed vaudeville. Effie King and Lottie Gee will be on the bill next week.

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Alonzo Moore, the noted magician, was on the bill at the Howard theater last week, and is well worthy of the place he holds among those of his profession. Mr. Moore has traveled extensively, especially throughout the western part of the United States, and has had the coveted disinction of prforming his clever tricks in magic as well as exhibiting many mystifying feats in this art in the presence of Herrman the Great, and the celebrated Marro. Mr. Moore traveled a season each with the "Hottest Coon in Dixie," Richards and Pringles' and Billy Kersands. Also several seasons he has been engaged by the Ridpath Lyceum Bureau and made good during the time he was on the road in this capacity. He carries with him over $2,000 worth of paraphernalia. He has a progra mwhich takes him two hours and fifteen minutes to render. On account of the limited time in which he had to work on the bill here there was no chance to see many of his most clever feats of the most weird exhibition of oriental magic. His work was given a big hand.

Mr. Moore is a modest and unassuming gentleman and deports himself properly at all times and upon all occasions. It can be said without fear of successful contradiction that he is the peer of any living colored magician.

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The Minnehaha theater, under the management of Mr. R. M. Tyler, has been very successful since the opening week. Mr. Tyler is presenting clean, instructive and entertaining motion pictures.

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The Ginger Girls are playing at the Star theater this week.

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Louis A. Mitchell is dramatic editor for the National Union, a local paper.

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Speedy and Speedy in Louisville this week.

Fanny Wise passed through Louisville last week.

The "Down in Dixie" Minstrels close their season, owing to poor business.

Cole and Johnson's Sambo Girls at the Alhambra Theater, New York City, this week.

Coffee and Coffee have been in Louisville two weeks. Porter and Porter three weeks.

Raymond Thomas will be at the My Theater. North Indianapolis, week of December 18.

The Miller Family is enjoying a prosperous season at Washington, D. C., with its musical act and singing.

LeRoy Matthews, a brother of Richard Matthews, died of typhoid-pneumonia at his home in Chicago, recently.

Miss Maude Gibson, vocalist, of Washington, D. C., is booked for an early appearance at the Howard Theater.

Lew Kenner and his stock company are still at the Maceo Theater, Charleston, S. C. They are a company of stars. Playing to crowded houses.

The team of Winn and Nugent, at Mobile, Ala. They leave them screaming every night. In their fifth week, due to their light feet and funny sayings.

The Smart Set Company, with L. H. Dudley, at Houck's Opera House, Cincinnati, Ohio, December 10 to 16; Park Theater, Indianapolis, Ind., December 18 to 22.

Slim Mason, late of Gentry Bros.' circus, stopped over in New Orleans to visit his friends with the Jolly John Larkins Royal Sam Co. They have a number one show.

Addison Penn, the well-known blackface comedian, scored a distinct hit. His jokes being original brought forth much applause. He is featuring "Railroad Rag" and "Oceania Roll."

The professional tryouts at the Lincoln Theater, Washington, every Friday night are very popular, judging from the attendance. There will be a big show this week.

At the Circle theater, Philadelphia, Pa., week of December 11th: The act beautiful, Alonzo Moore; Floyd and Floyd, Scarfs' dog and goat circus, Helen Bumbray, rag shouter, and Kelly and Kelly.

The Ten Georgia Campers are at Seattle, Wash., this week, and they are pleasing the crowds that attend. the crowds who attend. Wonder why my friend, Tim Owsley, don't answer my letters.

Clever Bill Young has just closed a successful engagement at the Fischer theater, Seattle, Wash., and is engaged for the Missouri theater at Georgetown, Wash., also the Valley theater, Columbia City, Wash.

The Newport Cafe, 42 Martin street, Milwaukee, Wis., has for its entertainers Miss Warneta Wilson and Willie Young, pianist. Mr. Charles Redd, formerly of Louisville, Ky., is manager. Mr. G. H. Brown is proprietor.

The Rainey Trio has just closed a two weeks' engagement at the Aurtorum theatre and the Orpheum theater in Philadelphia. Opened the week of the 2nd, at the Lincoln theater, New York, where they will have a run of three weeks.

Billy E. Jones, the versatile singer, who has an indefinite engagement at the Lincoln Theater, Washington, D. C., is scoring a big success with the song hits, "I Want a Girl" and "Baby! Baby! Baby! Save Your Kisses for Me."

While in Mobile, Ala., last week Richard M. Brown and Charles English were the guests of Mrs. Lucy Thompson, and the visit was a very pleasant one. She has a very fine residence, and believe me, she believes in good, hot fires.

Georgia Camp Meeting Company, Durand, Mich. The company has been compelled to lay off on account of the sudden illness of Minstrel Mitchell. Mr. Mitchell is now much improved and the company will re-open on Monday, December 11, at Fenton, Mich.

The celebrated Leon, magician and ventriloquist, Chelsea theater, Washington, D. C., and week of November 27th and open in Baltimore, Md., Doyles' theater, week of December 4ht; Wilmington, Del., week of December 11 to 18; Jacksonville, Fla., to follow. Regards to Joe Means.

The colored Professional Blackhand Society will meet next Friday, to set the penalty of a certain Chicago critic who has made himself detestable to the performers who know and who are supposed to know. Officer, he's in again. Signed by the president.

Report of Eugene King's death in Europe has been confirmed. Corresponding secretary Frank Clermonts, of the C. V. B. A., New York, has received a cablegram from Leo Bailey, stating that the body is on its way to America. Mr. Clermonts at once informed Sylvester Russell, who will write of his death and review his stage career in the Christmas issue.

CINCINNATI NEWS—THEATERS AND OTHERWISE.

The Pekin Theater held over May and May this week, putting on one of their very funny acts.

The Russels, a new team on the avenue, in a rapid-fire singing and dancing turn, gave a good account of themselves.

Miss Lucy Shyshead sang several beautiful numbers, with the aid of the illustrated pictures.

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The Gaither has four new high-class picture reels every day, with two vaudeville acts, Miss Carrie Hall and Demarthius Jones furnishing the entertainment.

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Messrs. Ollie Williams and Frederick Riggs, of Spokane, Wash., are spending a few days in this city, the guests of Mr. Ollie Dempsey and Stage Manager Harry Glover, of the Pekin Theater.

Mr. Oliver Lewis died in this city last week and his body was shipped to Lexington, Ky., his former home. Mr. Lewis was an old-time jockey, having rode the winners of the first derby run at Louisville, Ky. He was a brother of the celebrated jockey Isaac Lewis.

The Smart Set played to large crowds this week at the Houck Theater.

BROOKS-SMITH PLAYERS STILL CUTTING A WIDE SWATH AT THE CROWN GARDEN.

The Crown was jammed as usual Monday night at the opening for the fourth consecutive week of the Brooks-Smith Players in a new comedy, sparkling with wit and humor. The offering was a conglomeration of the various crafts of the stage, including everything from farce comedy down to melodrama. Each member appeared to the best possible advantage in the different roles assigned them. They handled their lines with a vim and precision uncommon to the usual "stock" aggregation appearing in a new show for the fourth week. The cast was somewhat strengthened by the addition of Miss Mamie Brown, a local young miss, who has just closed a very successful season with the Wallace-Hagenbeck circus. Ludel Price was on the job with a bunch of new songs, both in the olio and the farce comedy. The show was pronounced by all to be the best yet offered by the company. Johnny Woods was on again with his "figue" in a new ventriloquist stunt that forced him to overtime. Chicken Jones was also a new acquisition in the olio, who made a very favorable impression with his monologue. The act of Jones will be reviewed at some length, with illustrations, in our next issue.

J. D. HOWARD.

SHERMAN HUSTON DUDLEY AT THE PARK THEATER.

S. H. Dudley and the new Smart Set Company, in "Dr. Beans from Boston," the big musical comedy of substance and originality, will be the offering at the Park Theater, commencing Monday, December 18, an entire week; and, judging from the inspiring reports that have preceded it, it is altogether probable that it will establish a record whereby others in the future wll be judged, so far as concerns plausability coupled with novelty and attractiveness. The main object to be attained in the presentation of an entertainment of his kind is the greater numberof effecive features of a novel kind to be so crowded into entertaining space, as will share equal interest with a large array of pretty, talented girls, and as many really funny comedians as can be depended upon to relieve the strain of the ensehble or chorus work. Then, too, it becomes a matter of positive necessity to provide scenic equipment, and costume accessories on a scale of superlative elegance, in order to keep pace with such offerings as "Dr. Beans From Boston" is proclaimed. However, this attraction has one advantage that it would seem hard to overcome, and that is, it tells an intensely amusing story, built upon rational farce lines; and while the plot is made subservient to many explosions of unctuous mirth and entrancing melody, nevertheless it lends tangibility and sanity to the whole atmosphere. There seems to have been method in the madness that prompted the making ready of this season's version of "Dr. Beans from Boston." From every direction comes the verdict of superiority of elaborate details, regarding the production; and what must be more gratifying still to the promoters of such an extravagant venture, is the financial results that have already been achieved for an entertainment caliulated to impress an audience with its novelty and honesty of purpose. The book is the joint work of Mr. Dudley and Henry Troy, who is also a member of the cast. The jingles were provided by Will H. Vodrey with lyrics by Henry S. Cramer. Those who contribute to the excellence of the performance are: Arthur Talbot, Daisy Martin, Jas. Burris, Roley Gibson, Ella Bevans, Frank DeLyons, William Ramsey, Alberta Ormes and Jessie Harris.

WALKER'S REPLY.

Mr. Earl Walker will say in reply to Sylvester Russel's write-up in last week's edition concerning himself and the Smart Set, that he thinks the colored profession is getting enough knocks from the other side without being knocked by one of its own race. And also states that Mr. Sylvester Russell made a great mistake when he said that Earl Walker invited him to the opening of the Walker Theater as anybody's guest.

EARL WALKER.

ABOARD A. G. ALLEN'S PRIVATE CAR 999.

P. L. Jenkins Writes From Lake City, Florida.

We are again in Florida, away down in the land of sunshine and flowers, after an absence of two years, but as of yore, the fame of A. G. Allen's minstrels precedes us, and the public is being in no ways disappointed, as we are carrying the very best bunch of performers and musicians this season that has ever been mustered together under the title of Allen & Quines' United Minstrels. Prof. McCamon, as usual, has surrounded himself with a bunch of musicians that are the best that ever sailed under this company's standard, namely: J. H. McCamon, Ellwood Johnson and G. B. Brooks, cornets; Wm. Phillips and J. C. Singleton, clarinettes; Wm. Shaw, piccolo; Robt. H. Grant, Robert Miller and C. A. LaRose, mellophones; P. L. Jenkins and Pearl Moppin. trombones; Wm. Fisher, euphonium; Wm. (Tuba) Thomas, bass; Chas. Laurendine and Chas. E. Rue, drums. C. A. Larose is on the sick list this week. To the memory of Wm. Tecumseh (Omaha Bill) Nunan, who departed this life November 2, 1911:

Your sufferings are ended, your body at rest,
Your soul, we trust, is with the blest;
The curtain of your life is drawn,
God rest your soul till the judgment's dawn.

TEMPLE THEATER AT NEW ORLEANS, LA.

There was quite an ovation given by the Hobgobin S. C. of New Orleans, La., December 7, 1911, in the honor of Goblin John E. Lewis, a member of their club connected with the Jolly John Larkin's Happy Flock Company, presenting "Royal Sam" at the Temple theater. Mr. Jno. Larkins was presented with a souvenir of New Orleans, the compliments of Goblin A. J. Ross. Goblin J. E. Lewis was presented with a gold-handled umbrella by the club, also a souvenir of New Orleans by Goblin A. J. Ross. Goblin S. J. Brown made both presentations. After the performance, the entire company was highly entertained by the club at their den, 1000 Perdido street, with a midnight luncheon, followed by music and dancing. The following members attended: Prof. and Mrs. Freeman, Misses Nellie Cisco, Carrie Richardson, Ruby Taylor, and Carrie Smith, Messrs. Boots Allen, Tom Crose, F. J. Mores, Wm. Crawford, Ben Hutchinson, Arthur Simmons, W. J. Wooten and Wm. Platt. Officers of the Hobgoblins S. C., consist of S. J. Brown, president; George Thompson, vice president; Chas. Gandet, secretary; Jno. E. Lewis, assistant; F. A. Mix, treasurer; I. C. Stewart, W. H. Carter, Jno. Smith, finance committee; I. Jackson, chief.

BOYD AND BELL ARE BIG FAVORITES

New Act Wins In Large Way From Critical Audience.

Al Boyd, the well-known character artist and comedian, has joined hands with that clever soubrette Florence Belle, and Monday night they made their first initial bow to a very appreciative audience at the Gem Theater, of this city. The act takes up fully fifteen minutes of the most intresting kind that any theater goer, be he crank or whatnot, would care to spend. Al Boyd, who reminds one of the "Original Rags," both in manner and features, is clever as a deliverer of a good line of funny jokes. He seems to have developed into a master of originality, for he does things that require real talent. Al Boyd belongs on Broadway, in New York, among the best that there is. Florence Bell does many things that hinders Boyd from overshadowing her. She really has a good voice, though it is without any extraordinary attainments. She does not resort to noise or roughness to make herself heard, but rather delights all with softnes and tenderness in her voice. Her appearance is commanding because she is costumed becomingly. Boyd and Bell have the up-to-date idea of pleasing the people and therefore they are bound to make good. So there you are!

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC

CHICAGO WEEKLY REVIEW

By Sylvester Russell

Shelton Brooks at the New Grand.

Shelton A. Brooks, the world's greatest imitator of Bert A. Williams, made his first appearance at the New Grand since his recent illness and scored a distinct hit in his monologue and was recalled five times. "The Four Flying Valentines" was the best white act on the bill. Others were Lillian Grossman, of the Madame Sherry company and her aviator girls, scenically beautiful, Linn and Bonnie Hazzard and Clark and Verdi, in quaint oddities.

The Happy Four and Lizzie Hart at the Monogram.

Owing to the holiday pressure space will not allow a lengthy review of the good things, songs and comedy situations which take place in the Happy Four Quartette of New York, but more will be said of these actors later on. Madam Lizzie Hart returned from the circuit with a new budget of songs and found immediate favor. Both the disbursement of her upper tones and the lower pianissimo were marked with exceptional sweetness. Madge O'-Rourke, a white soubrette, quite attractive, and her picks, made a hit owing to the extra cleverness of the boys as dancers. Lou Harrison, a female impersonator who wore some clothes, sang fairly well in falsetto, but quite too slow for the present age. He was however very well received.

The Phoenix's New Variety of Pictures.

Manager Hammond is still to the fore in the picture line. Mrs. Patton sang a new illustrated song with the usual chorus effect. The photo plays were "In Frontier Days," "A Western Postmistress" and "Revenge is Sweet,' the latter rather thrilling.

The Goats Ramble at the Pekin.

The Goats had a ramble at Motts' Pekin theater last Thursday night, December 7th, billed for 11 p. m., but retarded one hour. The Southern Trio in "The Haunted Hotel," opened the bill. The cast included Bob Henderson, a good comedian; Woody Carter and George Boutte. Leon Diggs, tenor, was next. The Pekin Four followed. Then came Sandifer, followed by the Russels, who did a splendid act. Minstrel Morris was one of the best things on the bill and would be a treat at any time on State street. Warfield and Campbell was a heavy card as usual. Eva Douglass and her picks were good. Then came LeRoy Bland, followed by Lew Proctor and Ruth Belmont, with Eddie Hill at the piano, which closed the bill. The act was good but at one time a little spicy. President Miller was the master of ceremonies, and the Pekin orchestra, under Oliver Perry's baton, was augmented. The house was well filled and the Smart Set company was present as invited guests to help swell the funds. The Goats cozy little house has been raised by the landlord and a white restaurant is to open down stairs. The Goats is at present a struggling organization, but their future looks bright and the actors should strive in every way to make it a financial success. "Ahead of the Times," which opened Monday night at the Pekin, will be reviewed next week.

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A. Lincoln Harris appeared at the Auditorium, Evanston, last Tuesday evening in scenes from Shakespeare and classic plays.

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Walter Hill, a young Chicago comedian, has returned from Memphis, Hot Springs, Atlanta, Montgomery, Jacksonville and New Orleans, where he appeared in his monologue and in the stock plays.

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Illa Vincent was given the decision over Berg, the Iowa giant, at the Pekin last Friday evening in a wrestling match which threatened a fistic encounter. The referee called off the match owing to the fact that Berg was completely outclassed and showed a white feather.

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The fifth hearing in the Motts estate litigation took place in Judge Cutting's court in the municipal building on Saturday, December 9. Mrs. Ferguson, an aged lady, took the stand and told of the earliest ancestry of the senior Motts. M. Gertrude Jackson and her mother, Mrs. Anna E. Motts Jackson, both took the stand. Miss Jackson, who was the main witness, refuted statements made by Dan Jackson concerning race horses and of W. H. A. Moore concerning Mrs. Jacksons interview with her brother at the Pekin theater. The hearing of the administratrix is now closed, favorable to Mrs. Jackson. Lawyer J. Gray Lucas was jubilant and showed no signs of his recent accident. The first argument in the case will take place on Saturday, December 30, at 9:30 a. m.

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Charles O. Harding, a white booking agent, who recently booked the colored circuits, was waylaid, assaulted and robbed by white highwaymen, at Harlem avenue and Madison streets recently. After being beaten he managed to reach his picture theater nearby, where an alarm was given. He was immediately removed to a hospital in a precarious condition. Mr. Harding wore a diamond stud and ring, which were taken, besides picture flims and $25 in cash.

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James H. Lowery, a brother to P. J. Lowery, of Lowery and Morgans Minstrels, arrived in the city last week, having purchased a car valued at $2,000, which he presented to his brother. The car was inspected at Harvey, Ill., and the two brothers left to join the company, which opens at Nashville, Tenn., Christmas week. James H. Lowery is a successful real estate man, who owns property in Oklahoma and Indian territory, and in the city of Muskogee, and is a brother to Jesse C. Lowery, a successful lawyer at Okomulgee, and one of the first purchasers of land in Oklahoma. He was the guest of Allie Gillam, the actor, who knew him on his cattle ranch at Reese, Kansas.

MME. HACKLEY IN LANGSTON, OKLA.

On Friday night, December 1, the University and vicinity were tendered a rare musical treat in being able to hear Mme. Hackley, the world-famed singer. The vast auditorium was crowded to overflowing with an anxiously waiting throng. A wild and roaring shout of applause greeted the singer as she came forth to be introduced by President I. E. Page. The singer's voice, in one breath exerted to the force of a gale, and then modulated to that of an evening zephyr, reverberated throughout the hall and held the audience spelbound during the lengthy recital. Every word let fall by this, the greatest queen of song, had its telling effect. Her demonstration (especially to aspiring artists) was well worth the price. In this they were shown how to become accomplished by the use and control of natural faculties. The folk-songs, characteristic of the Negro, were not forgotten. The recital, which was closed by singing "God Be with You," left so lasting an impression that the accomplishments and mission of Mme. Hackley will ever be remebered.

J. C. O'BRIEN'S FAMOUS GEORGIA MINSTRELS, CALDWELL, TEX.

J. C. O'Brien's Famous Georgia Minstrels will be at Richmond, Tex., December 11. The great Mack Allen, wire walker, and C. A. Holloway, both members of the Georgia Minstrels, will be at Kansas City, Mo., and St. Joseph, Mo., during their vacation. They may be seen with the above show next season. We have had a successful season of forty weeks. Would like to hear from all friends in and out of the profession.

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LETTER LIST.

Gentlemen's List.

Allen, Irvin	Kitchen, Logan.
Beaumon, J.	Marrs, Chas.
Brown, Dave	McQuity, M.
Carter, Paul.	McCamon, J. H.
Cross, Tom	Mores, J. Francis.
Culligan, T. J.	Reed, Frank
Des Verny,G.	Spyglass, J. Elmer.
Earl, W. R.	Sherwood, E.
Elliott, S. C.	Swetman, George.
Gaston, M. H.	Stovall, Wallace
Holmes,Jas. L.	Thomas, Dick
Hicks, E. J.	Thomas, W. A.
Jordon, Joe	The Baileys
Jones, Archie	The Great English.
Jones, Clayborne	Watts, Billy
Jackson, Dave	

Ladies' List.

Gough, Miss Nora	Oliver, Bessie.
Fairfax, Miss Mabel	Payne, Miss Mamie.
Hilda, Madam	Tansel, Aggie.
James Sisters.	Thomas, Miss Elizabeth
Michaels, Mrs. Levara	Stewart, Miss Viola
Nicholas, Miss Ray	Wright, Mrs. E.

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BLACK PATTI MUSICAL COMEDY CO.—San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 18; Yoakum, 19; Cicero, 20; Victoria, 21; Wharton, 22; Bay City, 23; Galveston, 24.

S. H. DUDLEY, in "Dr. Beans from Boston," Indianapolis, Ind., week of December 18.

THE RICHARD AND PRINGLES MINSTREL—Petaluma, Cal., Dec. 18; Santa Rosa, 19; Vallejo, 20; Richmond, 21; San Mateo, 22; Palo Alto, 23; San Jose, 24-25.

S. TUT WHITNEY, in Southern Smart Set—Henderson, Ky., Dec. 18; Hopkinsville, 19; Clarksville, Tenn, 20.

McCABE'S GEORGIA TROUBADOURS—Erie, Kans., Dec. 20.

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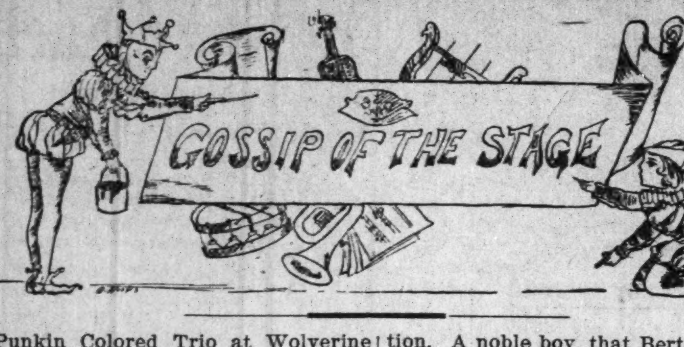

Punkin Colored Trio at Wolverine Theater, Saginaw, Mich., this week.

Susie Sutton now playing Joel circuit. This wek Central Theater, Atlanta, Ga.

Dixon & Hanson, Johnson & Brittan, Boyd & Boyd, Idaho Kid, Central Theater, Atlanta, Ga., this week.

Russell Owens Stock Company still playing Central Theater, Atlanta Ga. Now in their fifteenth week.

John Pamplin, the Demon Juggler, opens on Joel time again. Central Theater, Atlanta, aG., 18th inst.

Pace & Johnson, Scott & Crosby finished Central Theater, Atlanta, Ga. Now Dixie Theater, Tampa, Fla.

Mayweather and Brown have been held over for one more week at the Howard Theater, Washington, D. C.

Every performer who wishes to get in the Big Christmas Number should write this office, as the time is nearly gone.

Stewart and Stitch finished seven successful wees atk Central Theater, Atlanta, Ga. Now at Dixie Theater, Tampa, Fla. Reparts to all friends.

Allen & Morton just finished three successful weeks at Gathers Theater, Cincinnati. Open at Virginia Theater, Monday, December 11, with Parkway to follow.

John M. Powell says: We have just finished five weeks in California, and jumped right from Los Angeles into this frost and snow, so you can imagine about how we enjoy these first few days.

Lou all (the second HClifford Ross) has been considered by press and public to be a real impersonator of Mr. Clifford Ross. Keep it up, Lou, you're great. This week, Majestic Theater, Hot Springs, Ark.

Claybron Janes, after playing twenty-eight consecutive weeks at Central Theater, Atlanta, Ga., was sent to Dixie Theater, Tampa, Fla., for four weeks, and right back to Atlanta for another indefinite period.

Archie Jones (the colored Ben Welch) has joined hands with Lou Hall (the second Clifford Ross) and is now writing an original act, "Two Gents in a Fix." Will be ready to work that big time soon.

Sidney Coleman still playing Southern vaudeville circuit. Mr. Joel has kept me busy for seventy weeks without losing a week. Now playing Dixie Theater, Tampa, Fla., then to Lincoln Theater Jacksonville. Pensacola, Fla., and Atlanta to follow. Still on the circuit.

Baby F. Seals and Baby Floyd Fisher after filling their engagement at the Family and Lincoln Theaters, New York City, are now playing a return to Philadelphia, Victoria Theater. Baby Floyd is still the little big favorite. Present address 1509 South street. Hello, Manager Leroy White.

Joel & Bailey now own and operate Atlanta's three colored play houses, Central, Arcade and J. B. Theaters, and are booking twenty other houses throughout the southland. That's going some. The Lincoln Theater, Jacksonville, Fla., and Dixie Theater, Key West, Fla., arfe two new ones on their list.

From Little Rock, Ark., comes the information that the Kempner Theater, one of the most beautiful playhouses in Arkansas, and the leading theater of Little Rock, has discharged all the white help and employed colored stage hands, with Paul Chaney as stage manager. Mr. Chaney has an energetic crew of colored assistants, and the new force is making good in every respect.

Taylor & Taylor at Johnson's Theaterium, Columbus, S. C., cleaning up in their fourth week. Also have Jack (Ginger) Wiggins, the dancing fellow, who, with his brother Bat Gordon, leaves them screaming nightly. Have Rosa Grove, the lady with the voice filled with harmony. Then, last but not least, Bessie Wilson (Little Bits), the daintiest little soubrette hailing from New York. Mr. Johnson seems well pleased and the ghost never fails to walk.

LATST THEATERICAL NEWS

Direct from our New York Correspondent, K. B. Cooke.

Bert A. Williams, who is now enjoying the deserved and well earned distinction of being the greatest black-face artist and droll comedian in the world, is still an immense hit with "The Ziegfeld Revue" of "The Follies of 1911." Mr. Williams is a member of the Equity Congress, also a captain of rifle inspection, staff of the world's famous Eighth Illinois Regiment of the aNtional Guards.

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Mr. Jesse A. Shipp informs us that the Hon. Frederic Williams, father of our big Brother Bert, is very ill with a complicated disease, and is under a specialist's care at the Presbyterian Hospital, 70th street and Madison avenue, New York City. All of Mr. Fred Williams' old bosom friends should go to see him and give him a word of cheer. His son is seeing to it that his father, who is aged, is well supplied with all possible comfort and attention. A noble boy, that Bert of ours—a real American raised and bred son of his famous father. We love them both for what they've done for themselves as well as for the race.

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It is rumored that "The Frogs" will give a grand vaudeville-cabouret and dance in New York City soon. Get ready for a grand hop.

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Mr. S. Tutt Whitney is enjoying great success with his ("Southern") Smart Set Co. The show is entitled "The Mapor of New Town." We hear it is now filling engagements in the South and West. eW would be glad to see the real boys play the big city next year. We'd surely pack 'em in for a few weeks if they hit the tiny village called Manhattan Isle. With a large company Bro. S. T. Whitney could scream 'em in New York Believe me.

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Sam Lucas will be seventy years old if he's blessed to live to see next August. Let's get together, boys, and honor the first, oldest, most active and most young star comedian we have on the American stage today. Just think, Uncle Samuel has reeled off three score and ten. God has been kind to us to spare such a worthy man and artist. And we pray that Samuel Lucas, the recognized dean of our profession will be spared to radiate in the Stellar-glare for many seasons to come.

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We all hope to see the day when the Frogs, the C. V. B. A. S. and the Goats, and all other recognized Afro-American theatrical organiations will unite on some honest and reasonablze plan to buy, build and maintain a healthy, comfortable colored actor's home in America. This home would be a boom to our aged actors and actresses who have devoted their lives to entertaining the American public. Just the same as the Actors' Fund for our white brothers and sister artists now.

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The Famous Era Comedy Four.

This popular organization of Afro-American artists, singers and comedians, is adding to its fame every week. The Era Comedy Four are a big feature with Sam Devere's Burlesquers. Three weeks ago they played in Philadelphia and Baltimore. Their act was a terriffic hit in Washington D. C. They are playing in Brooklyn this wek, and will apepar in Jersey City before Xmas. The Era Comedy Four is a Western-made act, and is the best comedy singing sketch of its kind seen in the East this season, either in refined vaudeville theaters or on the burlesque wheel. W. H. Spencer, Billy C. Brown, Francis Poole and Charles Marrs are the gentlemanly artists responsible for this most refreshing and diversly entertainly act. The Era Era Comedy Four, continued success to you, boys.

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Matt Lewis' Lyric Theater, of Newport News, Va., is till doing a big business. The theater seats about 1,000 persons and always show the best artists work that is available. Mr. Lewis' clever and devoted wife ably assists him at the Lyric.

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We would like to hear from Robt. Orr, of Norfolk or Richmond, Va., also Rosa Wellman Orr, Joe and Lena Henderson John T. Gibson of Philadelphia Mays and Mays eGorge Louis Cooke, of Chicago, and from Brother John Quincy Adams, of the St. Paul Appeal. Our address is 2225 Fifth avenue, New York City, K. B. Cooke traveling representative, the National Monthly and Small's Illustrated Magazine, a journal of trade, commerce and industry, with a permanent section devoted to music, drama and the stage in general.

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At last we are to have some lodge roms and a real colored theater, owned and managed by colored people. Thanks, three times, for the great Hodges, Williams and Walker, Billy McClain, Robt. A. Cole and a thousand others have made to bring about such a move. Now that the movement is on, keep it up until the Afro-American theater and lodge rooms, etc., are opened and doing business on the square in New York City. Three cheers, and then some more.

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Anderson and Goines act is a big hit on the Marcus Loew circuit. The team is playing in New York this month. Keep it up, boys.

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The best and most noted chauffeur among Afro-Americans in the East is Mr. Franklyn Taylor, the husband of Mrs. Mina Cooper Taylor, of West 53rd street, New York City. Mr. Taylor has been constantly in the employ of the Laniel Lamont family for many years and has accompanied the whole family on all their tours of Europe and America. Mr. Taylor is also a chef by profession, and he is prominent in church and lodge circles in New York state. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor are now located in lovely apartments in West 53rd street, near 6th avenue, New York City, where their many friends are always welcome.

HARLEM THEATER FOR COLORED PEOPLE TO BE ERECTED BY A CORPORATION.

Special to The Freeman.

NEW YORK CITY.—It was announced here to-day that plans have been completed for the erection of a large building to contain a theater and lodge rooms, to cost $165,000. The details were arranged at a meeting of the Johnson Amusement Company, a corporation composed of well-known colored men, which will file articles of incorporation at Albany within a few days.

The officers of the corporation are: Thomas Johnson, president; Harry Kraton, vice president; Fred R. Moore, treasurer, and Lester A. Walton, secretary, who are also members of the board of directors, together with G. L. Young, B. D. Wilkins and Maurice Runkle.

The site selected has a frontage of 100 feet and is 100 feet deep, and is located on 138th street, between Fifth and Lenox avenues, in the heart of the colored residential district.

The Runkle Construction Company has signed a contract and given a guarantee bond to complete the structure by September, and President Johnson has already put into the construction company's hands $25,000 as an act of good faith, to insure the contractors that the amusement company means business.

The theater will seat about 1,200, and it is the intention to make it one of the finest little playhouses in Greater New York. There will be a first floor and balcony, with thirty-two boxes and ten loges. Ten, 20 and 30 cent vaudeville will be presented, and as there is not a house in the city where colored shows can be booked at certain times during the season, the house will play such productions as the Smart Set Company and the Black Patti Company.

ALL EYES ARE ON INDIANAPOLIS, WATCHING THE NEW THEATER VENTURE.

The project of putting $30,000 into an opera house in Indianapolis, the same to be managed by a Negro and to give special space to colored talent, is being watched very closely by the colored show-going public throughout the country. Present-day opera houses in the hands of white men more or less throughout the country all have jim crow sections. The self-respecting colored man must be subjected to the usual indignity if he sees a show. If the Indianapolis undertaking is a success, the example is certain to be copied by other cities, for certain it is there are thousands of colored folk who have decided to see no more shows where they must submit to proscription, after paying the price charged others. To-day, right here in Dallas, the Dago, the Indian, the Mexican Greaser, the Pole, the unspeakable Turk, the heathen Chinese, or, for that matter, any creature in human form beneath God's sun and moon, can go anywhere in the opera houses, where he has money to pay for a seat, except the colored man. He must be stopped, halted, ordered around and made to sit where he is told or stay away. The Indianapolis project should succeed. If it does, the self-respecting Negro will let the jim crow white opera house severely alone.—The Dallas (Tex.) Express.

THE LYRIC THEATER, NEWPORT NEWS, VA.

Editor The Freeman:

I thought I would drop you a few items about the Lyric Theater, the only theater in this city for Negroes. I am managing this theater at present for Mrs. Lillian Lewis, and we have been making good for the past six months. After three years of experience in conducting a moving picture and vaudeville show, Mrs. Lewis has given out the contract for the building of a more desirable and up-to-date theater, which the contractors promise to have ready by January 1, 1912. Every modern convenience is to be installed in the new house, and when finished it will be the finest Negro theater owned and conducted by a Negro in the South, and when fitted up will be in position to book all the best and largest shows on the rcad. IKE BRADFORD.

THE ACTORS' FORUM.

This column will be devoted to the interests of the performers, many of whom feel to have grievances owing to ill treatment they receive from time to time. With everything against them, they often find themselves in helpless, hopeless conditions. Sometimes the managers take advantage of them because of their helpless condition. The Freeman does not feel free to take sides in these troubles; it has concluded, however, to let the performers have their say, over their own names. We will publish the same when such communications are within the keeping of decency, and, of course, honesty and truthfulness. Make the statements brief, also clear and to the point. Be sure of what you say, because more than likely answers will follow serious charges. We do not encourage the policy of trying to break up a theater owing to some misunderstanding, or even for ill treatment. We think, however, that publicity will help get what is expected—fair, honest and honorable treatment on both sides, manager and performer.—Editor Freeman.

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Get Your Contract.

Tarboro, N. C.

Performers who carry their wives, beware of the Pekin Theater, Norfolk, Va. I, Jack B. Pitt, booked at this house for two weeks or more, myself and wife. We made good, working hard, giving four shows a night, and on Saturday nights five. Made good at all times. Because the manager, Mr. Charles W. Moseley, couldn't use my wife as he wished, he told me on Saturday night he couldn't use me any longer. Now, friends, you don't have to believe me. This can be proved, because there are others who have been served the same as I. So if you should book to the Pekin Theater, Norfolk, Va., get your contract.

J. B. PITT.

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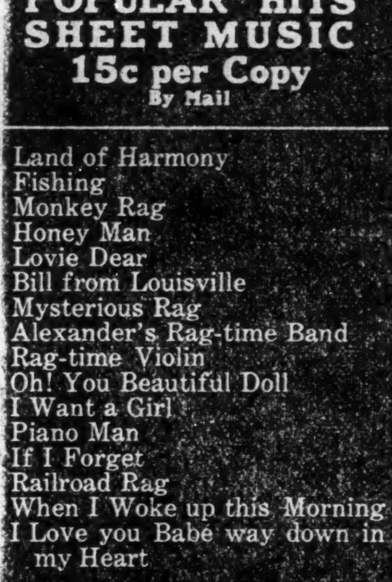
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THE AUSTRALIAN BOXING FEST.

Some New Features Brought Out—Who Was the Stowaway?—Billy McClain, Please Answer—An Amusing Incident During a Recent Contest in Indianapolis.

By Billy.

Perhaps enough has been given through these columns, up until this time, concerning the great series of boxing matches now on in Australia, ending the last of this month. The object has been to show how sport is considered in that country, especially as it concerns the colored fighters. Through it all, those interested have a better view of the top-notch fighters in their relation to one another. It is plain that the big fighters are Negroes, an acknowledgment that has not always come with good grace, but in spite of what may be thought, wished or hoped for, the fact remains.

The great fight centers are America, Europe (England and France) and Australia. The fighting trail has been followed through those countries, all which have capitulated—furled their standards, presenting them to the sons of Ham. The routing and surrender have been so complete that disgust follows, and an abandonment of the game is threatened. The struggle is now on in Australia—the last ditch, so to speak—where wil be settled for many years to come the question of the physical supremacy of white men and black men.

Jack Lester stood twenty rounds of the most unmerciful gruelling ever offered one individual by another, when he met Sam McVey at Sydney, not long since. He was all but superhuman in the struggle, feeling, one will think, that the white man's burden, like old Atlas of mythology, rested on him. If he cannot win he must put up a fight that is scarcely less than a victory, seemed his determination. If one is inclined to doubt the authority for the assertion, read what follows:

"At last the final gong rang and a mad cheer for Lester's gameness and success in staying it out went up. So eager was Jack to congratulate Sam and pat him on the back and tell him through thick lips, 'Ah, but you couldn't knock me, Sam,' that the referee had to wait till they separated, and as they didn't appear to want to, but to go on hugging and throwing bouquets at each other, Mr. Baker was fain to point to the colored man's corner and shout, 'McVea.'"

Is it not evident that the white man was supremely happy that he did not faint by the way, but lasted those twenty rounds, albeit a very much battered up man? He fell on the neck of his opponent and wept for joy that he had not been knocked out by the second best man in the game. Like Johnson, McVea is a physical prodigy. Ordinary men, with all their science and skill, will have a time of it trying to beat such individuals.

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Just to show that all Australia was worked up—a picnic in the ocean continent that day—here follows the make-up of the Stadium jam at Rushcutter Bay, Sydney:

"All shades of social, professional and political life were represented in that huge walled circle, from the leading medico, lawyer, clergyman, actor, merchant, to the gentleman of leisure and fortune, who rubbed shoulders with the hoarse bookmaker, flushed with a victorious battle with the persistent punters at Randwick. The terraces presented a sheet of pink, appearing all faces, for the stackers had stacked well and truly, and the crowd had no room to gesticulate. 'Their heads nestled closer together,' all right all right, and it was only a strong 'un here and there that could fill his lungs full enough to emit a decent holler."

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When the notables were presented to the Stadium thousands all were well received. Our friend McClain, however, recived some groans and hisses. According to one of the publications this was because of some ugly stowaway happening of years ago, that we in this country know nothing of. Stowaway? What about that transaction, Billy? I have no desire to air disagreeable matters, but it is right in the Australian papers; however, without comment.

Now, the dictionary says, "stowaway: one who conceals himself on board a vessel about to leave port, and who does not mean to show himself until too far from the shore to be sent back." In my opinion, this has no reference to McClain personally, but it is evident that he has been assisting some one to get out of the country without "scrip or purse." It is brand-new news to us, all of us, in this country. I dare say, whatever the nature of the transaction, whatever it may be, the Australians are holding him responsible, springing their graveyard memories on him, and at a most inopportune time.

We on this side, or at this end of the world, are considerably worked up over the matter, and are very much pained to learn of the denouement. But the press is still free to McClain, who, I hope, will let us know all about the stowaway business.

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During the boxing exhibition in this city, where Kid Ash was principal, a pair was put on to try themselves out. One of the boys proved much the cleverer; he knocked his opponent down and all but out. The watch was held on him, and as the fatal ten approached he dragged himself wearily to his feet. He went to the task again, but with unwilling heart. In a short time he was down again. The referee again began the count. The fallen fighter said: "Just you never mind that counting, Mr. Referee; I'm not going to get up from here, that's all." And he didn't. He just didn't feel like it.

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A. B. C.'S OF INDIANAPOLIS.

Geoge Abrahams, who so successfully managed the A. B. C.'s of Indianapolis last year, probably will manage the club next season. Some promising players hope to sign with him, and, if so, that strong club will be further strengthened. It is thought there will be extensive improvements during the idle months, looking forward to the comfort and convenience of all, and the ladies especially. A brilliant season is anticipated next year.

JACK JOHNSON RETIRES.

It is given out that Jack Johnson will retire from the fighting business. The information from London seems to be straight dope. This means that he will not meet McVea December 26 in Australia. What it means as it refers to the championship is not certain, but it looks as if he will have to give it away, since he cannot fight it away. McVea will claim the distinction, so it is said, and from all accounts the mantle will fall on worthy shoulders.

LUN CROXTON WILL HAVE HIS OWN CLUB.

ARGENTINA, Ark.—Lun Croxton, the star pitcher of the Cuban Giants, of New York City, will not go out with the big club this season, as he will have a first-class club of his own. He would like to hear from first-class players. Address, 208 South Cypress street, Argentina, Ark.

JEANNETTE DROPS WATKINS IN FIRST

ALBANY, N. Y.—Joe Jeannette had no trouble in disposing of Bill Watkins, the Boston "Tar Baby," the other afternoon at the Albany Exhibition A. C., by knocking him out in the first round. Watkins appeared awkward and displayed but little skill and was thoroughly outclassed; after being floored for the count at the opening of the round and on his feet again, he received the sleep producer which terminated the contest.

DELEPHA BELLS FOOTBALL TEAM.

CLEVELAND, O.—The Delepha Bells football team, composed of all colored players, of this city, finished a very successful season. The following are players of the team: R. Crawford, R. E.; C. Patterson and Mosley, R. T.; Hunt, R. G.; Hall, C.; Elkins, L. G.; W. Ford, L. T. and F. B.; Miller, L. T.; Borston, L. E.; Shorter, R. H.; P. Howard, L. H. and captain, and W. Howard, F. B. Mose Dixon is manager, and Clinton Sales and Tom Henison, trainers.

ASH GETS SHADE IN TEN-ROUND CONTEST

Roy Charleston Makes Great Showing in No-Decision Battle Against Veteran.

Kid Ash, of Cincinnati, and Roy Charleston, of this city, colored middleweight fighters, fought ten hard rounds at Walhalla Hall, last Monday night week. The general opinion was that Ash had the better of the milling. Ash forced the fighting throughout, and the Indianapolis boxer was cautioned time after time by Milburn Saylor, referee, for hanging on. Charleston, who is a newcomer in the game, put up a great battle against the Ohio veteran and he landed many hard swings with telling effect, but Ash's left jabs slowed Charleston up somewhat, and the Cincinnati colored champion started the gore streaming from Charleston's nose early in the contest. Both swung wildly frequently, but when they did connect each had respect for the other's punch.

Referee Saylor Is Busy.

There was much clinching throughout the contest, and Saylor was as busy in the role of referee as he would be in the ring if he were fighting Joe Mandot. The boxers mixed things pretty lively, however, and Charleston made a great impression with his brethren. The bout was fairly even until the eighth round, but in the last two sessions Ash appeared the fresher and landed oftener than the local man. Charleston put up a great battle against his more experienced opponent, considering the fact his battle last night was his initial bow before the public.

In the preliminaries Jack Hannibal stopped Kid Watkins in two rounds of a scheduled six-round bout. Kid Rose put the slambango on Lee Best in two rounds of the other preliminary. Kid Ellette won the battle royal.—Indianapolis Star.

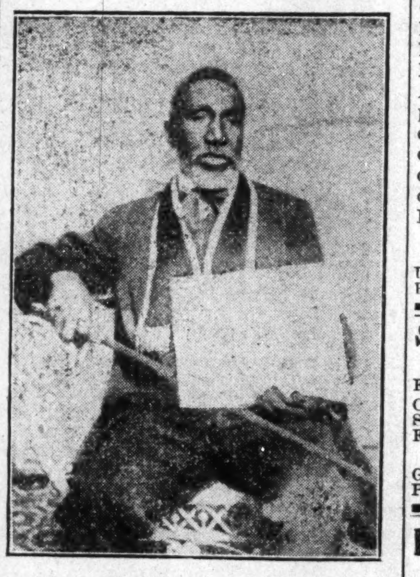
ST. LOUIS HIGH, 39; LOUISVILLE HIGH, 0.

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—On Thanksgiving Day Sumner High School, of St. Louis, defeated Louisville by an overwhelming score of 39 to 0. The down-State boys could not withstand the fierce line plunging and end runs of Sumner's back field, and consequently were kept on the defense throughout the game. The whole team worked as one great machine, and not once during the game was her thirty-five-yard line crossed. The particular stars were Coleman, Green, Lucas, Brown and Vorrhis. Sumner High has the distinction of not having her goal line crossed this season, while in the three games played she has rolled up ninety-one points against her opponents. Too much credit cannot be given Dr. C. L. Thomas for his work with the team. He has become quite a master of the game through his years of experience, and in this part of the country is hailed as one of the very best. It is rumored that on account of business he will resign as coach, but we hope that a little persuasion will keep such a valuable man still with us, and help Sumner High to stand out right among her rivals.

CHICAGO TO CELEBRATE MONTAGUE'S BIRTHDAY

Well-Known Freeman Agent to Be Tendered a Banquet.

What is to be the social event of the winter season in Chicago will be the grand banquet to be tendered that well-known, public-spirited, grand old man, George Montague, at Jackson's Hall, 2959 State street, Tuesday, December 19, 1911. Some few days ago some of Chicago's most prominent colored citizens got together and prepared a celebration in honor of this celebrated character and noteworthy gentleman, and immediately great plans were laid for a large demonstration, to which many of Chicago's leading men and women will lend their aid. Who is George Montague? A man whom all Chicago knows and reveres, for he has held many important positions in the State and city government, and he has done so not only with credit, but with distinguished honor. Mr. Montague is a Mason and Knight of Pythias of prominence. He hails from Baltimore, Md., where he has several sisters and a brother. But all Chicago knows him best as the "celebrated Freeman man," the man who sells more copies of The Freeman than any other of The Freeman's long list of agents. They never forget George, because there is a warmness of feeling in his make-up that takes. He loves his race and he is loyal, which accounts for Mr. Montague's long list of friends. Maj. Gen. R. R. Jackson is chairman of the committee of citizens who have charge of the banquet, and Charles H. Robinson is secretary. Major Jackson has consented to lead the grand march on the night of the banquet, and Mr. Elwood C. Knox, manager of The Freeman Publishing Company, is expected to be present as one of the principal speakers, among other prominent people who will deliver addresses. The affair will be the crowning event in the closing days of the career of the grand old veteran, Hon. George Montague. The Freeman wishes many years of success and happiness.



HON. GEORGE MONTAGUE.

CARTHAGE, MO.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

While the Southern Smart Set company were in Carthage they were entertained by The Freeman, correspondent, Fred Blair. Mr. Blair always makes things pleasant for professionals while in Carthage. Mr. Blair had the pleasure of meeting Mr. S. Tutt Whitney in his private office. He found the great composer and performer busy dictating a letter. Miss Ethel Marshall is destined to be a great actress. Miss Hattie Akers, one of the choir girls, made a great hit. Also Miss Julia Gideon. The Smart Set is one of the best companies that ever came to Carthage. Mr. Blair sends ergards to Mr. Lockard and wife and Mr. Whitney and wife. Miss Eetta Marshall would like to hear from the bunch through The Freeman.

THE ANNUAL TUSKEGEE CONFERENCE.

On Wednesday and Thursday, January 17 and 18, 1912, the twenty-first annual session of the Tuskegee Negro Conference will convene at Tuskegee Institute.

Wednesday, the first day, will be devoted to mass meeting of the Negro people. Thursday, the second day, the annual Workers' conference will be held. In the call for this conference the statement is made that its purpose is "less to teach than to inspire." The first day will be taken up for the most part with informal reports and personal experiences of representative men among the farmer and laboring classes from all over the South.

The purpose of these reports is to afford a broad view of actual conditions and of what the people themselves, either as individuals or through their churches and schools, are doing to improve them. The second day will be devoted to a conference of the teachers and others who are engaged in some definite form of work to improve the masses of the colored people.

The purpose of Workers' Conference is to bring the work of the school the churches and other institutions into closer touch with the practical and every day life of the people. The principal topic for discussion at the Workers' Conference will be: "How may we Encourage the practice of Saving Among Negroes?" This subject will be divided into five subtopics, affording opportunity for full free and helpful discussion.

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There is a lot of sickness here at this time....Mr. Whit Lous is preparing to get in a big business....Mr. Johnson is at work in his pressing shop.....Mr. Ed. Saddler is buying a home and is improving it....Mr. Newtester is again able to smile after much misfortune....Mr. Joe Vaughner thinks well of The Freeman..Miss Lena Bramm says that she just can't get along without The Freeman in her home....Rev. Carter went to Sherman to preach.

ASHEVILLE, N. C.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Capt. Samuel Dawkins, the efficient head waiter of the Battery Park Hotel, will leave this week to visit his family at Spartansburg, S. C.....John Staggs, the foreman of Howell's barber shop, will leave Sunday, to visit his brother at Inman, S. C....Eugene Murrough, who has recently returned from Brooklyn, N. Y., will leave in a few days for Florida....John Lyles is the latest addition to Howell's barber shop. He will be glad to meet all of his friends there....The Wilson Undertaking Company is the latest addition to Asheville'es business houses. This is a very creditable establishment, and should receive its share of the business of this community.... The K. of P.'s are looking forward to a "warm" time on the night of December 15, when they will have their semi-annual election of officers. Mr. Ed Miller, who is the present C. C., is a hustling young man, and he has filled this office with credit to himself and to his lodge....Chas. T. Howell, M. T., a graduate of the American College of Mechano-Therapy, will open offices for the treatment of selected cases of rheumatism and other chronic diseases about the first of the year....The Freeman is always on sale at Howell's barber shop, 1 Eagle street.

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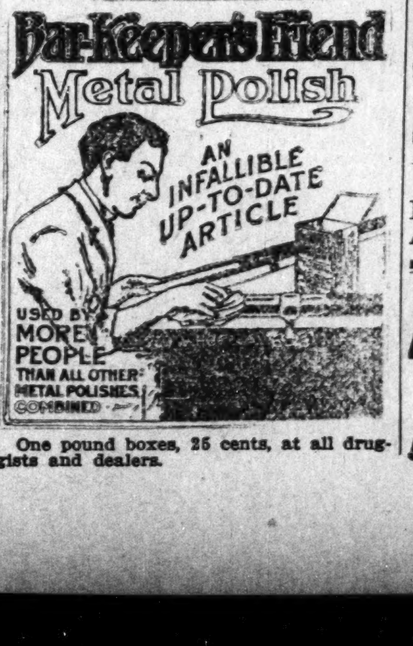

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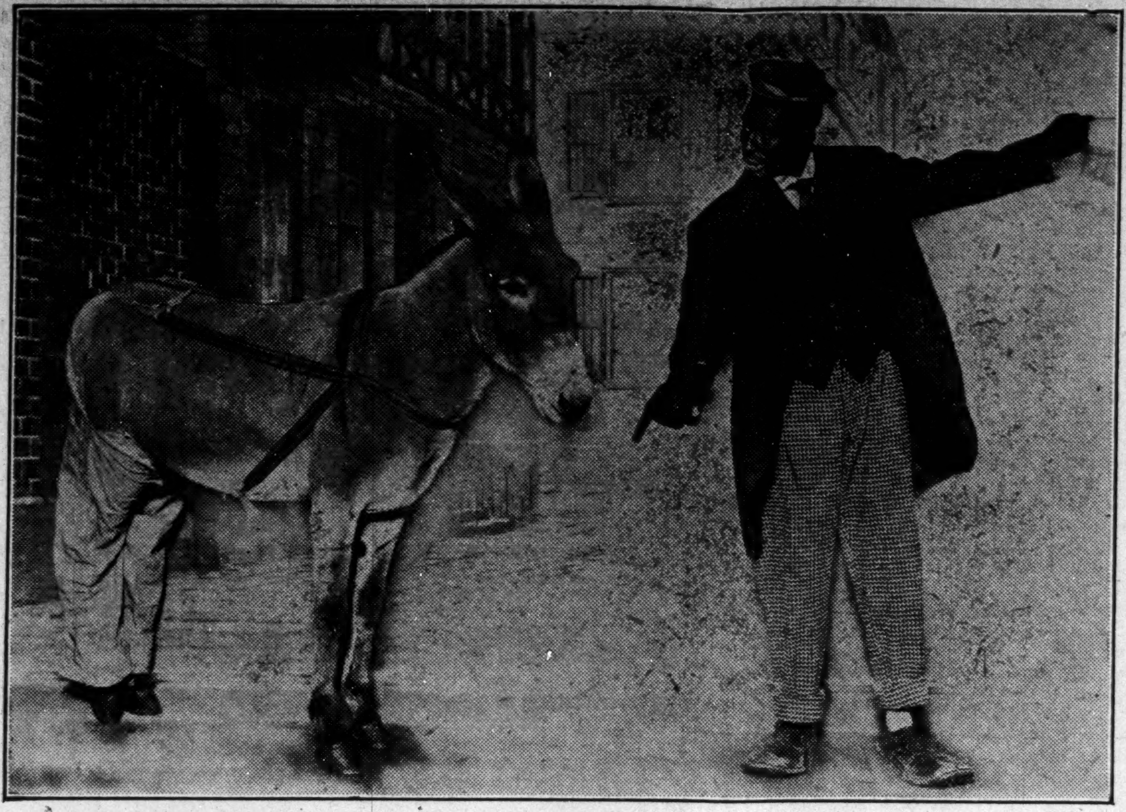

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CITY AND VICINITY.

Mrs. Beatrice Jordan is improving.

J. H. Moore is in St. Louis this week on business.

Miss Ethel is visiting in New Albany this week.

Mrs. Ella Williams has returned from Logansport, Ind.

Mrs. Mary Bybee, 904 West Walnut street, is quite ill.

Mrs. Ethel Tucker, of Nablesville, Ind., spent Monday shopping here.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Magee left Monday for New Orleans for the winter.

Messrs. W. H. Floyd and Grant Jones, of Terre Haute, spent last Sunday here.

Mrs. Mary Bennett, 1038 Fayette street, a member of Charities No. 5, is ill at her home.

Mrs. Ella Walker, who has been on the sick list for the past two weeks, is able to be out again.

Miss Jessie Weeks, of Greenfield, is the week-end guest of the Misses Slaters, in West 11th street.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Roberts entertained a whist party Monday evening. Dutch lunch was served.

Master David Venerable will render a solo at the B. Y. P. U., at the Second Baptist church, Sunday evening.

Mr. Henry Florence and Miss Louise D. Bass were quietly married Tuesday evening at 1040 Senate avenue.

Mrs. Henry Lewis was in Chicago last week looking after some business for her husband. She reports a fine trip.

Miss Ethel Melburn was hostess to a party of friends in honor of Miss Jessie Weeks, of Greenfield, Thursday evening.

Mt. Bethel Lodge of American Doves of Protection, No. 4, will hold their regular meeting Monday evening at Pythian Hall.

Miss Bessie Clay entertained the Young Ladies' Club Tuesday evening. An interesting card game was the feature of attraction. An appetizing menu was served.

The A. G. H. Club was the guest of Mr. John Golden in Agnes strteet Tuesday evening. About twenty persons participated and enjoyed themselves to the highest degree.

The White Rose and Blue Ribbon Club was entertained by Mrs. Florence Grant, in West Michigan street, Thursday afternoon. An enjoyable time was spent by those present.

Rev. B. V. Purnell, of Anderson, Ind., made an excellent address at the monster meeting of the Y. M. C. A., and from the appeal to young men to accept God, six men consented.

The card party given by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Lincoln hospital Monday evening was a success. The Auxiliary will hold its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 19, at 4 p. m.

Mr. Omer Grant Johnston is seriously ill at his home in North Missouri street. Mr. H. W. Johnston, his father, and Mrs. Daisy Bramblett, a sister, of Shelbyville, Ind., are at his bedside.

Mr. Lawrence Walton, one of Indianapolis most popular chaffeurs, departed this week for California, accompanied by his employers, for the winter. He will be missed by his many friends.

Mrs. James Duncan, of Chattanooga, Tenn., spent several days with her sister, Mrs. H. R. Wright, in Senate avenue, en route to her home, after a pleasant visit with her mother in Chicago.

Mrs. Dora White has returned home after a pleasant visit in Muncie. She has been entertained with a Dutch luncheon by Mrs. Lillian Davis, and a theater party by Mrs. Jennie Smith since her return.

Mrs. Millie Ross, an aged resident of this city, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. George Davis, in Martindale avenue, last Saturday. The body was taken to Frankfort, Ky., for burial Monday.

Mrs. A. H. Henderson, who was called to Louisville, Ky., on account of the death of her father last week, returned home Sunday night. The Freeman and her many friends extend their deepest sympathy.

Master Roy Wade was accidentally run over by a milk wagon while on his way home from school Tuesday afternoon. He is suffering with a broken leg. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Wade, in Minerva street.

The Jolly Rulers Club was organized at the home of John Owens in West St. Clair street Tuesday evening. It consists of eighteen male members and will meet every two weeks. Albert Ford is president and John Banks is secretary.

Rev. and Mrs. J. S. Bailey will celebrate their twenty-fifth marriage anniversary Saturday evening, January 6, 1912, at their residence, 364 Maysville, Ky. Rev. Bailey was formerly pastor of Simpson chapel.

The J. D. A. M. M. Club met with Eugene Barber in Toledo street Thursday afternoon. The officers are: Eula Reeves, president; Lawrence Slaughter, vice-president Nellie Davis, secretary; Eugene Barber, assistant secretary; Jessie Kersey, treasurer, and Abbie Matthews, publisher.

Samaritan Court, No. 37, elected the following officers Monday night, December 11, 1911: Mabel Tucker, worthy counsellor; Elinor Simon, worthy inspectrix; Maggie Gardner, worthy orator; Emma Williams, register of deeds; Lillian McCormick, recorder of accounts; Roberta Venerable, receiver of deposits Sarah Howlett, senior directress; Adelee Collins, junior directress; Bettie Rowlett, conductress Kate B. Sanders, assistant conductress; Marie Haddex, escort; Maggie Pope, herald; Theodore Kakaza, demical reg; C. B. Settles, eighteen-months trustee; William Head, protector; Hettie Brewer and Marie Haddex, grand representatives.

The G. A. H. Club gave one of the most attractive dinners of the season in honor of Lawrence Walton at the home of Willie King, in West 12th street, Wednesday evening. The club colors, black and gold, were carried out as decorations. The dining table was handsomely covered with a Battenburg centerpiece, with the club colors extending from the chandlier, favors being chrysanthemums. The dinner was served in seven courses. Mr. John Golden acted as toastamster, and responses were made by several of the male guets, after which the happy party enjoyed themselves to the "wee small hours" of the morning. The occasion was one of the latest novelties of style.

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Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m., by the pastor. The Rev. J. H. McCoomer filled the pulpit acceptably Sunday in the absence of the pastor The Rev. John C. Bickel, D. D., Irvington M. E. church, will lecture Wednesday evening, the 20th, on "Jean Valjean." A large audience is expected. Admission free. Several numbers by local talent. The Epworth League will render a musical and literary program Monday evening, the 18th. Mrs. A. A. Taylor and others will be on the program. Rev. Tate spent five days pleasantly among old friends in Ohio. There will be a class rally on Tuesday, the 26th.

THE OLIVET BAPTIST CHURCH.

Corner Prospect and Leonard Streets —Rev. Chas. W. Lewis, Pastor.

Rev. C. E. Stewart, the noted evangelist, of Jamaica, West Indies, closed his engagement with us Sunday evening. The good accomplished through this great divine is beyond measure. We have ten additions during the two weeks of strenuous battling against sin. Rev. Stewart preached all day last Sunday. Subject, Sunday morning, "Insurance; at night, "Why I'm a Baptist." Both of these sermons were splendidly treated and appreciated highly by the pastor and congregation. The attendance and interest taken by the faithful members has certainly been exceedingly good. The pastor was able to be out Sunday, after four days of confinement, and feels much elated over the excellent results of the meeting. Next Sunday is our busy day. In the morning, baptizing at the church by the pastor, preceded by a special sermon on Baptism. In the afternoon, right hand of fellowship, covenant and communion. B. Y. P. U. services and preaching at night.

FREE MEDICAL SERVICE AT LINCOLN HOSPITAL

The management of Lincoln hospital is desirous of calling attention to the free dispensary which is maintained in connection with the hospital. Any person who s unable to pay for the servces of a physician can secure free medical attention by applying at the hospital on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 10 to 11. On Monday especial attention is given to the diseases of women, and in addition to the regular staff, consulting specialists will be in attendance. Lincoln Hospital Dispensary, A. H. Wilson, superintendent; S. A. Furniss, president; C. R. Atkins, secretary.

Lincoln Hospital Notes.

Miss Anna Morris, of Watertown, N. Y., has entered the Lincoln Hospital Nurses' Training school.

Miss Lydia Meyers, a member of the senior class of nurses, who has been nursing Captain Howard, of the fire department, has returned to the hospital.

The following patients have recovered sufficiently to return to their homes this week: E. W. Washington, Mrs. Fannie Bullock, Gertrude Evans, Mable Gilmore and Jefferson Ramsey.

BRICE-McNAIRDEE NUPTUALS.

Sergeant W. H. Brice, Company D, U. S. Infantry, formerly stationed at Madison Barracks, N. Y., and Madame Lucile McNairdee were married at the home of the madame at 4:30 p. m., Thursday, November 23, at her magnificent residence in Senate avenue, north, in the presence of a large number of friends of both of the contracting parties.

After the ceremony they left on a honeymoon, accompanied by Mrs. Frank C. Duerson. They occupied a bdidal drawing room on the New York limited of the Big Four railroad to Syracuse, N. Y., where Mr. Brice proceeded to his station at Madison Barracks, to prepare for the trip to the Philippines with his regiment, which sails during the latter part of the month.

Before leaving Syracuse for his post the sergeant presented his bride with a bank book containing a deposit account of $2,000 and $500 in cash for herself, and departed for his destination.

After spending some time sightseeing through many of the Eastern cities, Mrs. Brice and Mrs. Duerson returned home last week, very expressive of the splendid trip and pleasure that seemed all theirs during their absence.

The sergeant went from his station to San Francisco, where he took passage on the U. S. transport John A. Logan for Manilla, P. I., where he has only a short time to serve before the expiration of his army service.

The remainder of his army service will terminate in the Philippines in a short time, when he will be retired on pension.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

Every man who can possibly make it, should attend the "monster meeting" Sunday, to hear Judge Orbison, as he is one of the best speakers that comes before us each year; and in addition to Judge Orbison, Mrs. Virginia Harvey-Taylor will give several readings, and Mr. E. Richey will sing. The colored Y. M. C. A. orchestra will render a musical program. All men are invited and urged to be present. Three o'clock sharp is the time when the pro grambegins.

Everybody is invited to the Tuesday night Bible class, which meets at 6:15 with supper. Gymnasium classes are conducted every Monday and Friday evening, and beginning Monday, the basket ball tournament will commence. This will be open to the public.

All boys from twelve to seventeen are invited to join the boys' Bible class, which meets every Friday evening. The course being followed is the "Travels of Paul." Now is the time to join the association; two dollars ($2.00) per year, dated from January 1st, if you join now, giving you twelve months and a half for one year's membership.

The following officers were elected by the Glee Club last night: President, W. E. Moore; vice president, J. Carson; secretary, Sam Butler; treasurer, E. Richey; librarian, W. Donaldson; manager, Robert Kirk. Regular rehearsals will be held each Tuesday night.

ALPHA HOME AND LINCOLN HOSPITAL BENEFIT.

Judging from the sale of tickets for the Alpha Home and Lincoln Hospital benefit, at Tomlinson hall will be filled by a splendid audience to witness the exhibition of the folk dances on the evening of December 26. The affair promises to eclipse anything ever presented in this city by our people. No pains will be spared to add to the brilliancy of the occasion. The selected orchestra, with Miss Lillian Morris as pianist, is proving its skill and proficency n accompanying the dancers. Kiota Barbour's entire orchestra will play for the general dancing following the program. The little maids in Dutch costume serving the punch throughout the evening, will use paper sanitary cups, insuring safety to those who purchase.

Much interest is centered in the Hindu dance, which will be given by six maidens using the names of the following Hindu princesses: 1, Sarojini Devi; 2, Gaibalini Devi; 3, Santoshi Devi; 4, Laksmi Devi; 5, Radka Devi; 6, Raman Devi. Tickets for general admission are 35 cents. For reserve seats, 50 cents.

The following ladies forming a committee on decoration are making paper flowers and soliciting plants for the purpose of transforming the hall into a beautiful flower garden: Mrs. Mary E. Mays, Mrs. Elwood-Knox, Mrs. F. Gertrude Cox, Mrs. Retta Moss, Mrs. Edward Perkins, Mrs. Emmett Kiger, Mrs. A. R. Posey, Mrs. Eugene Cheatham, Mrs. Chas. Floyd, Mrs. Henry L. Hummons. Mrs Susie Williams, Mrs. Laura Gains, Mrs. Leon W. Vance, Mrs. Clarence Settles and Miss Georgia Nance.

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CHAMPAIGN, ILL.

Wife of Former Minister Dies in Illinois City.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. W. A. Williams, wife of a former pastor of Salem Baptist Church, died at Springfield, December 10, and her remains were brought to Champaign on Wednesday morning, and were taken direct to Salem Baptist Church. At 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, services were held at the church by the Ladies' Aid Society and at the grave at Mt. Hope cemetery, Rev. Owens offered prayer. There were also services held at Springfield before the body was brought to Champaign......Roscoe Brewer and Captain Mawell, of the high school football team, served dinner to the members of the team, Principal Flaningam, Superintendent Johnson, Manager Craig and Coach Bronson on December 8. The spread was held at the Brewer home, 1202 West Main street, Urbana....Miss Pauline Bell, a student at Northwestern spent Thanksgiving with Miss Alice Moore of Urbana. During her stay she wasinvited to many dinners and luncheons..... Mr. P. D. Lunsford is ill....The debate between Illinois, Wisconsin and Iowa, that was held at the University of Illinois on Friday night, December 10, was won by Illnois. Mr. Wm. J. Prince, a colored student who came from Iowa to go to the University of Illinois, was on one of the debating teams that won for Illinois.... Mr. J. Garlin spent Thanksgiving at his home in Centralia, visiting old friends.

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